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touch the window to start "b... .." 

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characters

■ **Kuroyukihime** = Umesato Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her background is shrouded in mystery. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly she programmed herself. Her duel avatar is the Black King, "Black Lotus."

■ **Haruyuki** = Haruyuki Arita. Grade Seven at Umesato Junior High School. Bullied, on the pudgy side. He's good at games but is shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig. His duel avatar is Silver Crow.

■ **Chiyuri** = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. A meddling, energetic girl. Her in-school avatar is a silver cat.

■ **Takumu** = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. Good at kendo. His duel avatar is Cyan Pile.

■ **Niko** = Yuniko Kozuki. Grade Five girl who pretended to be Haruyuki's cousin to get in direct contact with him. Her real identity is the Red King, ruler of the Red Legion. Her duel avatar is Scarlet Rain.

key words

■ **Neuralinker** = A portable terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection, and which supports all five senses with enhanced images, sounds, and other stimulus.

■ **Brain Burst** = Neuralinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ **Duel avatar** = Player's virtual self, operated when fighting in Brain Burst.

■ **Burst points** = Points required to use the power of acceleration. To obtain them, players must win duels against other duel avatars. If a player loses all their points, Brain Burst is forcibly uninstalled.

■ **Legion** = Groups, composed of many duel avatars, with the objective of expanding occupied areas and securing rights. The Seven Kings of Pure Color act as the Legion Masters.

■ **in-school local net** = Local area network established within Umesato Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance. Umesato students are required to always be connected to it.

■ **Global connection** = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesato Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.

■ **Enhanced Armament** = Items such as weapons or personal armor owned by duel avatars.

■ **Normal Duel Field** = The field where normal Brain Burst battles (one-on-one or tag matches) are carried out.

■ **Unlimited Neutral Field** = Field for high-level players where only duel avatars at level four and up are allowed. The game system is of a wholly different order than that of the Normal Duel Field.

CHAPTER
#18



AD 2026

WHOA.

SO THIS IS
THE FOURTH-
GENERATION
FULL-DIVE TEST
MACHINE?

IT'S HUGE—

IT LOOKS
EVEN BIGGER
THAN THE
EARLY ARCADE
CONSOLES...

...HIGA-
SAN.

KAZUTO KIRIGAYA





THAT'S
EXACTLY
IT.

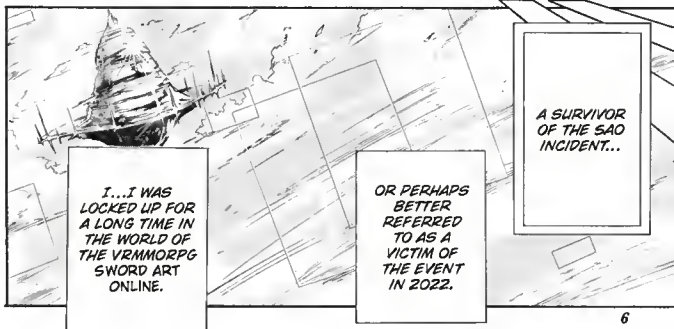
SO I DO A FULL
DIVE WITH THIS AND
THEN MOVE STUFF
AROUND INSIDE.

IS THAT
IT?



GIVEN THAT
YOU'RE A SURVIVOR,
KIRIGAYA-KUN,
I FIGURE YOU
HAVE A HIGH VR
COMPATIBILITY,
WHICH IS WHY I'M
ASKING YOU TO
DO THIS...!!

JUST LIKE IN
THE MAIL I
SENT YOU.



I...I WAS
LOCKED UP FOR
A LONG TIME IN
THE WORLD OF
THE VRMMORPG
SWORD ART
ONLINE.

OR PERHAPS
BETTER
REFERRED
TO AS A
VICTIM OF
THE EVENT
IN 2022.

A SURVIVOR
OF THE SAO
INCIDENT...

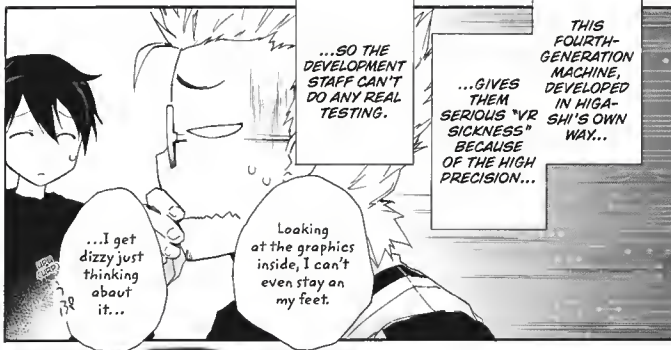


AS "KIRITO,"
I SPENT ABOUT
TWO YEARS...

...INSIDE
THE GAME,
IN AINCRAD.

...AND SO TAKERU
HIGA-SHI CAME
ALONG ASKING
ME TO BE THE
TEST DIVER FOR
HIS NEW MACHINE.

DURING THAT
LENGTHY PERIOD,
I GOT A LOT OF
EXPERIENCE WITH
CONSECUTIVE
DIVES...



...SO THE
DEVELOPMENT
STAFF CAN'T
DO ANY REAL
TESTING.

THIS
FOURTH-
GENERATION
MACHINE,
DEVELOPED
IN HIGA-
SHI'S OWN
WAY...
...GIVES
THEM
SERIOUS "VR
SICKNESS"
BECAUSE
OF THE HIGH
PRECISION...

...I get
dizzy just
thinking
about
it...

Looking
at the graphics
inside, I can't
even stay on
my feet.



I CAN'T EVEN
GET THE DATA
I NEED TO
ADJUST...

...THE DEPTH
OF THE
CONNECTION
WITH THE
BRAIN TO SUIT
THE USER...

I'D
SERIOUSLY
LOVE IT IF
YOU COULD
HELP.

IT'S NOT
ACTUALLY
DANGEROUS...
RIGHT?

...BEFORE
I DO,
I WANT TO
MAKE SURE
OF ONE
THING.

OF COURSE.
YOU'RE PAYING
ME, SO I'LL
DO WHATEVER
YOU WANT...
EXCEPT....

SURE.



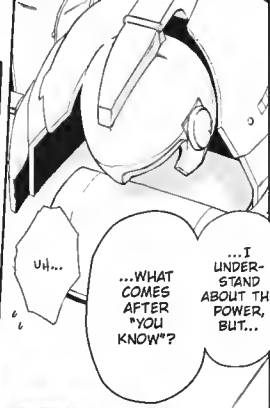


A LITTLE
WHAT?



IT'S
JUST...
WELL, A
LITTLE...

N-NO
REAL
DAMAGE,
OKAY?



UH...

...WHAT
COMES
AFTER
"YOU
KNOW"?

...I
UNDER-
STAND
ABOUT THE
POWER,
BUT...



YOU
KNOW,
THEM...!!

—THEY
APPEAR.

TO
PUT IT
BLUNTLY
...

NOT
LOGICAL, OR
MAYBE NOT
DIGITAL...



I TOTALLY
SAW ONE
CLEAR AS
DAY...!!

NO, FOR
SERIOUS,
KIRIGAYA-
KUN!!

Huh...?
Wha...?

Y-you
mean...
ghosts?



AND
YET...

SEVERAL
OF MY STAFF
WHO'VE DIVED
INTO THE
TEST FIELD...

TWO PEOPLE
TOTALLY
CANNOT DIVE
AT THE SAME
TIME.

...IS STILL
THE ONLY
ONE IN
EXISTENCE
IN THIS
WORLD.

LISTEN. AS
YOU CAN SEE,
THIS TEST
MACHINE...

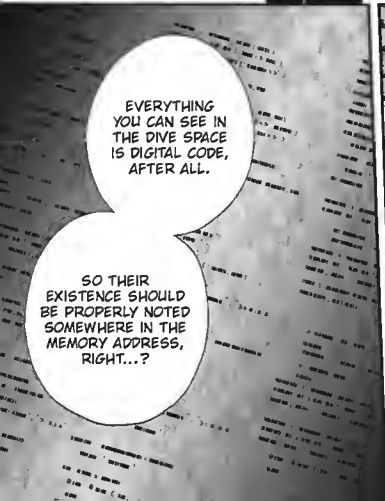


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OKAY,
I HAVE
HEARD OF
THAT...
BUT...

I MEAN,
OKAY, IF
THEY'RE
SHOWING UP
IN THIS ROOM
THAT'S
ONE THING
BUT...

...GHOSTS
APPEARING IN
A VR WORLD...
I'VE NEVER...



EVERYTHING
YOU CAN SEE IN
THE DIVE SPACE
IS DIGITAL CODE,
AFTER ALL.

SO THEIR
EXISTENCE SHOULD
BE PROPERLY NOTED
SOMEWHERE IN THE
MEMORY ADDRESS,
RIGHT...?



WHEN
I TRIED
TO VERIFY
RUMORS
LIKE THIS
BEFORE IN
AINCRAID...

...IT WASN'T
A GHOST OR
ANYTHING—
IT WAS AN
NPC.

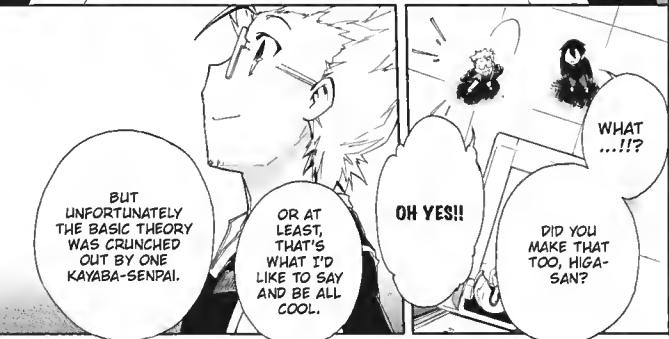




**IN OTHER
WORDS, A
QUANTUM
COMPUTER.**

**THE
HEART OF
THIS TEST
MACHINE...**

**...INCORPORATES
QUANTUM
CALCULATION
CIRCUITS.**



**BUT
UNFORTUNATELY
THE BASIC THEORY
WAS CRUNCHED
OUT BY ONE
KAYABA-SENPAI.**

**OR AT
LEAST,
THAT'S
WHAT I'D
LIKE TO SAY
AND BE ALL
COOL.**

OH YES!!

**WHAT
...!!?**

**DID YOU
MAKE THAT
TOO, HIGA-
SAN?**



**...IT HAS
THE POWER
TO INTERACT
WITH
PARALLEL
WORLDS.**

SUPPOSEDLY.

AKIHIKO
KAYABA,
THE
DEVELOPER
OF SAO...?

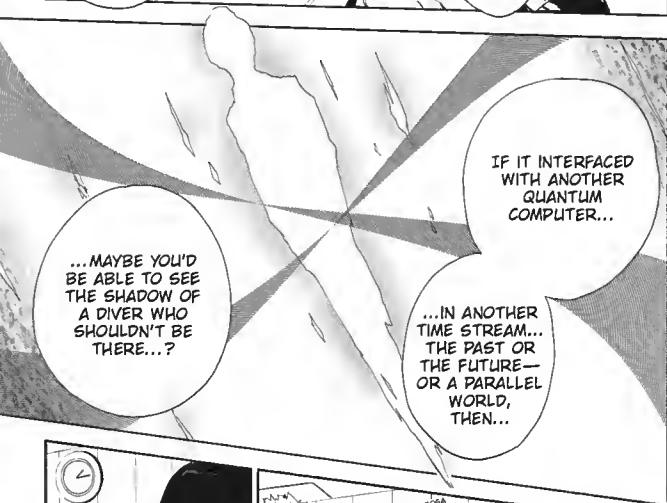
...ABOUT
THE QUANTUM
COMPUTER...
IT'S BEEN
SAID FOR A
LONG TIME
NOW THAT...

AT ANY
RATE...

YOU'RE
STARTING
TO TALK
LIKE ME...

What?
Higa-san...
you totally
believe in
that?

**"P-PARALLEL
WORLDS"??**





WHAT?

IF I DON'T
MAKE IT HOME
FOR DINNER,
SHE'LL KNOCK ME
INTO NEXT WEEK,
SO LET'S JUST
DO THIS...

GISHI
(CREAK)

...MY LITTLE
SISTER'S
APPARENTLY
COOKING
SOMETHING
TODAY.

しし
#11

WELL...
I GUESS
I'LL SEE IF
THERE'S A
GHOST OR
NOT WHEN
I DIVE.



on
KIRITO?

How old's
YOUR LITTLE
SISTER...

DÉJÀ-
VU...

H-HOW
OLD IS SHE
NOW!?

YOU HAVE
A LITTLE
SISTER?



I'M READY
OVER HERE
TOO.

YOUR AVATAR'LL
BE GENERATED
AUTOMATICALLY
FROM YOUR SELF-
IMAGE, KIRIGAYA-
KUN, SO YOU
SHOULDN'T FEEL
ANY WEIRDNESS.

OKAY.
I'M READY
ANYTIME.



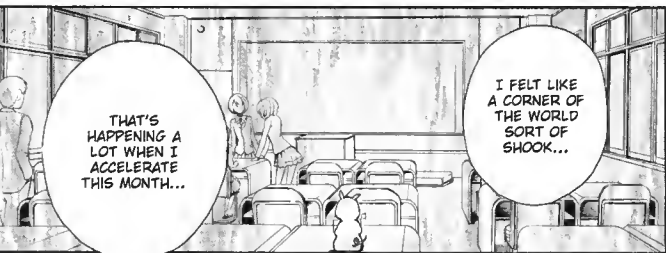
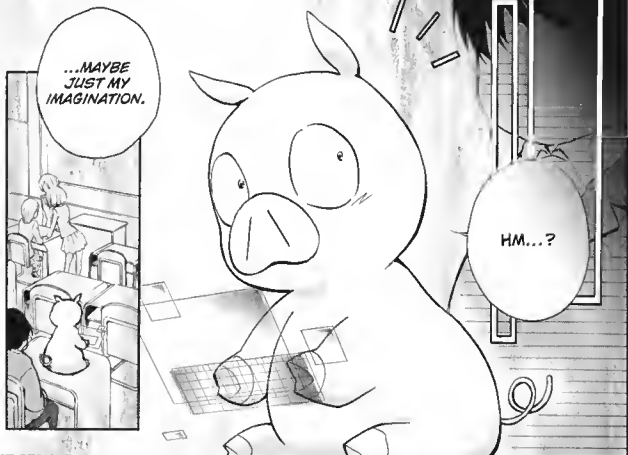
GOT IT.

OKAY, I'M
STARTING
THE
CONNECTION.

KACHI
COMAKI

ハ
ハ
ハ







...AT
LEAST I HAVE
ACCELERATION,
SO I CAN GET
THROUGH
THIS WITHOUT
GETTING YELLED
AT BY THE
TEACHER...

WELL,
EVEN
SO...



UGH,
UGH, UGH...
SO STUPID,
FORGETTING
TO DO MY
HOMEWORK.

AND NOW I
HAVE TO USE
MY PRECIOUS
BURST POINTS
LIKE THIS.



HM?



WHAT THE
HECK...?



RYON
(GROING)



AGAIN
...?

ゆ
らあ

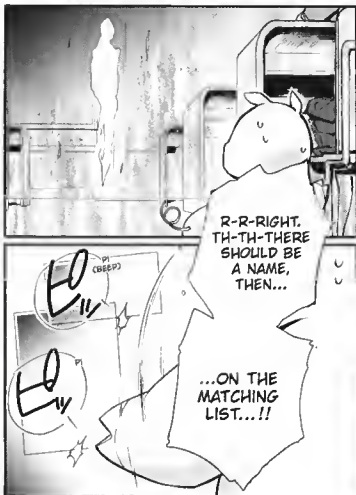
!?

THAT'S...

...NO ONE
ELSE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
COME IN HERE
WITHOUT
DIRECTING
WITH ME...!!

WAIT—THIS
BLUE WORLD,
THE INITIAL
ACCELERATED
SPACE...

...A-A
PERSON
...!?



MATCHING LIST

Kirito

!!
THERE IS...!!

BLACK LOT

DUER

PILE

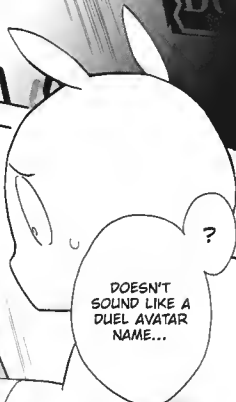
Kirito

K-I-R-I...

...T-O...

— "KIRITO"...?

BLACK LOT



DOESN'T
SOUND LIKE A
DUEL AVATAR
NAME...

A-ANYWAY...

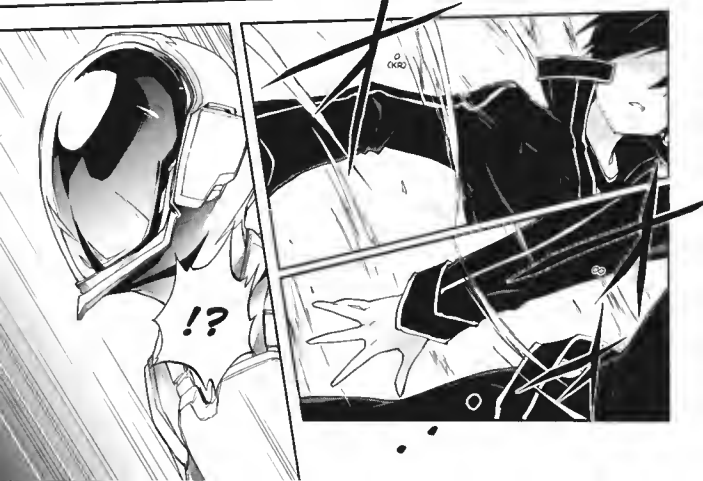
BLACK LOT

CLAN

FLASHING
CROSSING

...I
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO FIGURE
OUT WHO
IT IS IN
A DUEL...!!







HUH...?
A...

A PERSON
IN HIS
REAL
BODY...!?



WHERE
AM I...?

I'VE
NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS...
ARE THOSE
SWORDS ON
HIS BACK...?

HE DOESN'T
LOOK THE
SLIGHTEST
BIT LIKE A
DUEL AVATAR.



WHAT
THE...?



IS
SOMEONE
THERE?

THAT
OUTFIT'S LIKE
SOMETHING
OUT OF A
FANTASY
GAME...

CHAPTER

#19



...WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?

AND WHO
IS THAT...?

A METALLIC
BODY AND...
RADIATION
FINS?

A ROBOT?



ALMOST LIKE
THE WORLD'S
SEEN A MAJOR
COLLAPSE.



AND THIS
TOWN'S IN
RUINS.



A
SWORD!?



OH MY
GOD!



THIS...
THE WAY
I LOOK...

FROM WHEN
I WAS IN
SAO...!?



BUT I'VE
GOTTEN
WEAK.

SO I GUESS
THIS MEANS
THAT MORE THAN
MY REAL HIGH
SCHOOL SELF,
I SEE MYSELF AS
A SWORDSMAN...

HA-HA...

"YOUR AVATAR'LL
BE GENERATED
AUTOMATICALLY FROM
YOUR SELF-IMAGE,
KIRIGAYA-KUN"...



AND MY
OPPONENT
IS ON
GUARD
TOO...

THIS
SITUATION'S
ABOUT TO
EXPLODE.

UNCON-
SCIOUSLY
REACHING
FOR MY
SWORD...



WHERE
ARE YOU
CONNECTING
FROM AND
WHY?

THIS IS
A PRIVATE
COMPANY'S
CLOSED
NET.



WHO
ARE
YOU?

HEY.

I'LL TRY
SAYING
SOME-
THING
FIRST...





...HE CAN'T
HEAR ME?

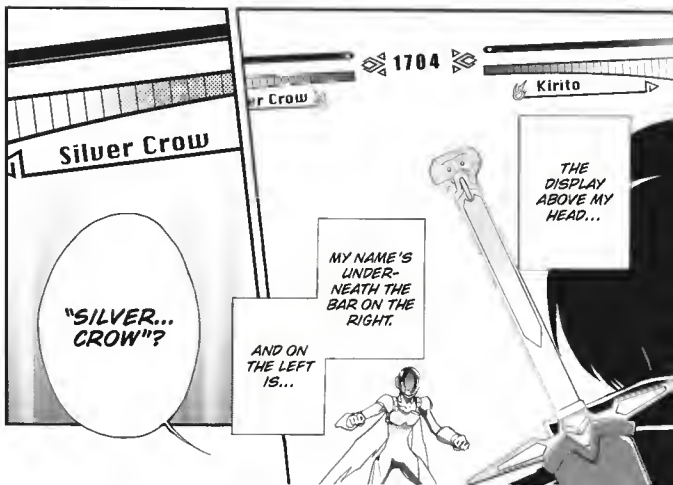
LEVEL
SEVEN OR
EIGHT?
A HIGH
RANKER...!?

MAYBE...



...HM?

WELL,
THAT'S A
PROBLEM
...



Silver Crow

"SILVER...
CROW"?

MY NAME'S
UNDER-
NEATH THE
BAR ON THE
RIGHT.

AND ON
THE LEFT
IS...

THE
DISPLAY
ABOVE MY
HEAD...

Silver Crow

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Ki

HOLD
ON.

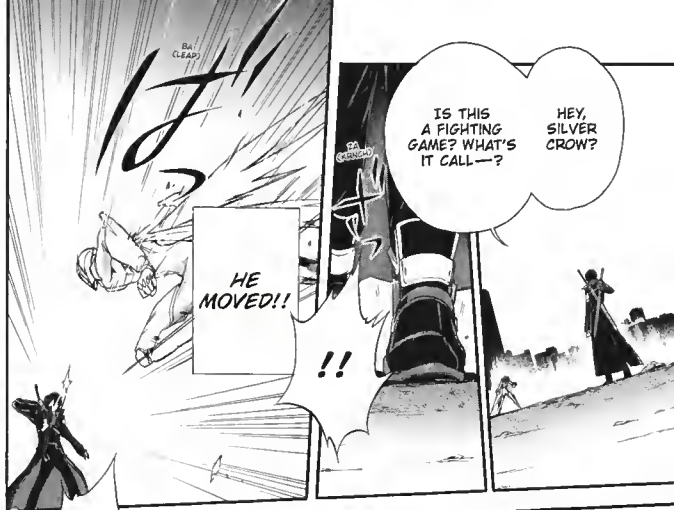
THIS USER
INTER-
FACE...
I'VE SEEN
THIS STYLE
BEFORE.

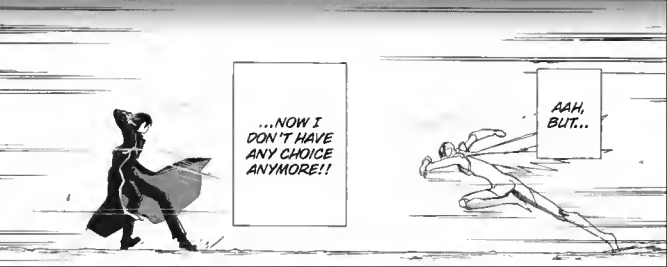
AM I
MAYBE...

...IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A FIGHTING
GAME...!?

AH!











SHAKKI
COMANO

WHAT IN-
CREDIBLE
SPEED.

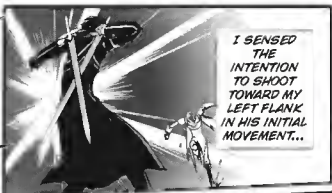


...YOU
ALWAYS
NEEDED
TO BE
ONE STEP
AHEAD
OF YOUR
ENEMY.

IN DUELS IN SAO,
WHERE TAKING
A SINGLE BLOW
MIGHT COST YOU
YOUR ACTUAL
LIFE...



HYUO
CHWOOSHWO



I SENSED
THE
INTENTION
TO SHOOT
TOWARD MY
LEFT FLANK
IN HIS INITIAL
MOVEMENT...

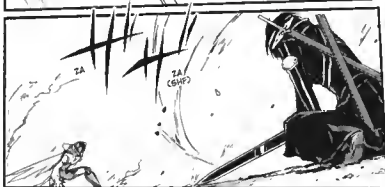
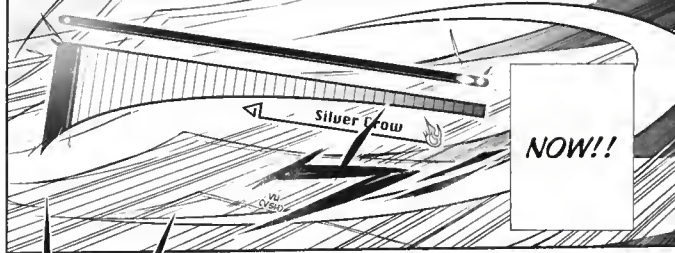


...I WON'T
GET OUT OF
THIS WITH
JUST A
LOST COAT
BUTTON....!!

IF I DON'T
DO AN
IMMEDIATE
BACK
DASH...

CHAKI
CHANG!

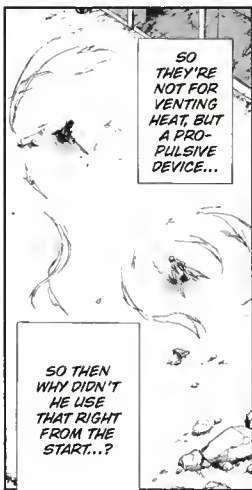






THOSE
FINS...

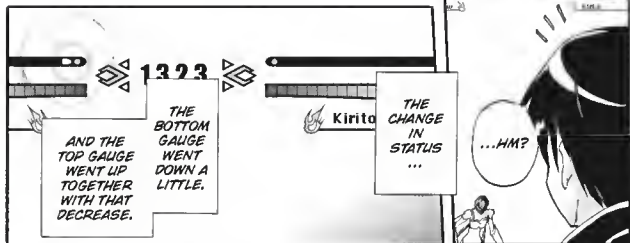
IT LOOKED
LIKE THEY
SPREAD OUT
A BIT AND
VIBRATED
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE
STRIKE.



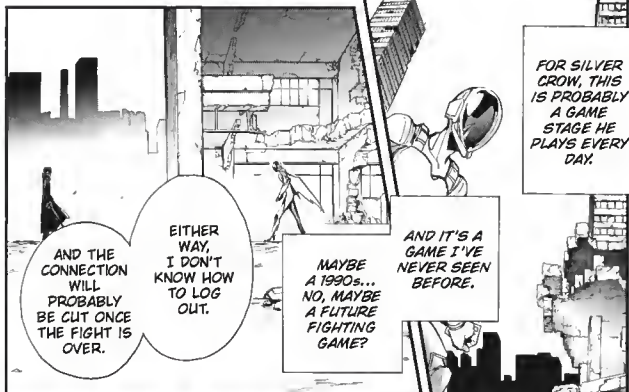
SO
THEY'RE
NOT FOR
VENTING
HEAT, BUT
A PRO-
PULSIVE
DEVICE...

SO THEN
WHY DIDN'T
HE USE
THAT RIGHT
FROM THE
START...?

WHAT JUST
HAPPENED!?







AND THE
CONNECTION
WILL
PROBABLY
BE CUT ONCE
THE FIGHT IS
OVER.

EITHER
WAY,
I DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO LOG
OUT.

MAYBE
A 1990s...
NO, MAYBE
A FUTURE
FIGHTING
GAME?

AND IT'S A
GAME I'VE
NEVER SEEN
BEFORE.

FOR SILVER
CROW, THIS
IS PROBABLY
A GAME
STAGE HE
PLAYS EVERY
DAY.



SO NOW
THAT I'VE
FIGURED
THIS OUT...

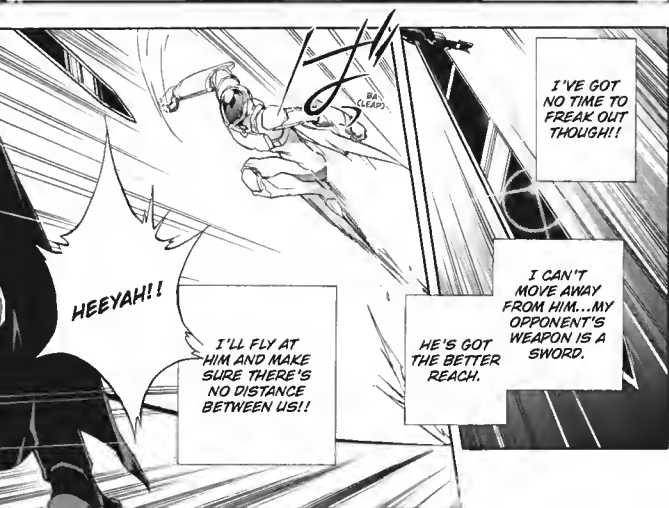
...IT'S ONLY
POLITE TO
FIGHT WITH
EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT.

.....!!



WHAT
THE—!?

ALL OF A
SUDDEN, THIS
INCREDIBLE
BLOODLUST...!!



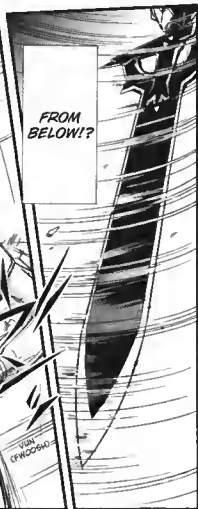
I'VE GOT
NO TIME TO
FREAK OUT
THOUGH!!

HEEYAH!!

I'LL FLY AT
HIM AND MAKE
SURE THERE'S
NO DISTANCE
BETWEEN US!!

HE'S GOT
THE BETTER
REACH.

I CAN'T
MOVE AWAY
FROM HIM...MY
OPPONENT'S
WEAPON IS A
SWORD.







GOT HIM!!



DO
(WHAM)



**PILE ON
THE SMALL
DAMAGE
AND KEEP
HIM FROM
MOVING!!**

**NOW I STICK
CLOSE AND
RUSH HIM!!**

AAAAAAH!!





DOO
(WHOOM!)

AAAH...!!



NO REAL
DAMAGE.

A TRICK TO
GET SOME
DISTANCE?



TA
CKSHO

NGH!!



IN
THAT
CASE
...

...I CAN'T
GIVE HIM
THE CHANCE
TO GET HIS
SWORD
BACK...!!



**IN MID-
AIR!?**

**HIS
SWORD!**



...I can
tell him, but
I guess he
can't hear
me.
Ow, Ow, Ow...



THIS
LEVEL OF
FEEDBACK'S
NORMALLY
ILLEGAL.

SO THIS
ISN'T A
GAME
BEING RUN
IN 2026
JAPAN...

— THIS
PAIN.



COMBINED
MARTIAL
AND SWORD
ARTS SWORD
SKILL—

METEOR
FALL.

WAIT...THE
FIGHT'S NOT
OVER YET.

A
FOLLOW-
UP—

SO THEN, HOW
MUCH PAIN IS
HE IN AFTER
TAKING SUCH A
HUGE HIT...?

70
PILL
TWITGO

DOO
(BOOM)

SWAA
SWAA

NGH....!

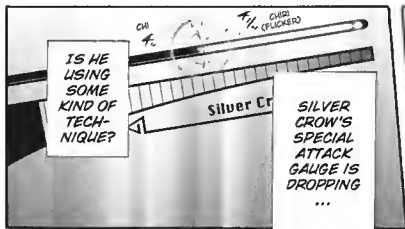
!!



HE'S
GONE!?

!?

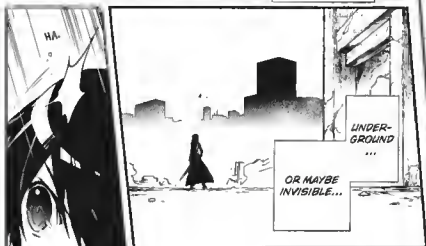
WHAT
.....!?



IS HE
USING
SOME
KIND OF
TECH-
NIQUE?

Silver Crow

SILVER
CROW'S
SPECIAL
ATTACK
GAUGE IS
DROPPING
...



HA

UNDER-
GROUND
...

OR MAYBE
INVISIBLE...



IT
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
THERE'S
ANY-
WHERE
TO HIDE.



ABOVE!?

SO
THAT'S
IT!

THOSE
FINS ARE
WINGS!!

GO
CBANG

NGAH....!!



LOOKS LIKE
HE SOMEHOW
DIDN'T KNOW
I'M A FLYING
TYPE.

BUT NOW
HE'S AWARE
OF THE FACT
I CAN FLY.

IT'S GONNA
BE HARD
TO GET
ANOTHER
CRITICAL HIT
LIKE THAT
ONE...!!





600
(CR92)

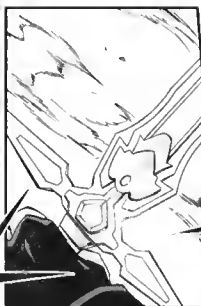
TAKE THE
CHANCE
WHILE
HE'S
DOWN...

...TO
STRIKE
THE
DECIDING
BLOW!!



614
(SVR64)

WAAH!!





**I HAVE
TO ADMIT
IT.**

**I TOTALLY
UNDER-
ESTIMATED...**

**...THE POWER
OF THIS
FIGHTER,
SILVER
CROW...!!**



HE
LOOKS
LIKE
HER...

THE
BLACK
KING.

BLACK
LOTUS
...!!

HE REALLY
LOOKS
LIKE HER.


DOUBLE
SWORDS...
BLACK...NO...
IT'S NOT HIS
APPEARANCE.

THAT SENSE
OF NOT BEING
ABLE TO SEE
THE BOTTOM...

...IS REALLY
STRONG...!!

THIS
PERSON...

YOKU
(GALLOPER)



**I WANT TO
FIGHT!! I
WANT TO
FIGHT FULL-
POWER AND
TAKE HIM
DOWN....!!**

—NOW.

**I'LL
GIVE HIM
EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT
...!!**

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

CHAPTER

#20



THE
FACT THAT
EVERY-
THING'S ON
THIS NEXT
BLOW.

SO HE
SEES IT
TOO?



THE NEXT
BLOW'S
DECIDING
THIS....!!



SILVER
CROW.

A SILVER
CROW...

A black and white manga panel. In the upper half, Kirito is shown in mid-air, holding a sword. He has a surprised or determined expression. In the lower half, there is a close-up of Kirito's face, looking upwards with a slight smile. The background has some motion lines and a signature in the top left.

IT'S
TOO
BAD.

BUT RIGHT
NOW, I'M
THE DOUBLE-
SWORDED
KIRITO FROM
SAO.

...WE COULD'VE
SETTLED THIS
WITH A FIGHT
IN MIDAIR.

IF MY AVATAR
WERE SPRIGGAN
KIRITO FROM
ALO...

AND THESE
LONG-BELOVED
SWORDS IN
BOTH HANDS...





**DOUBLE
CIRCULAR!!**

**DUEL
BLADES
CHARGE
ATTACK-**



NGAAAAH
.....!!



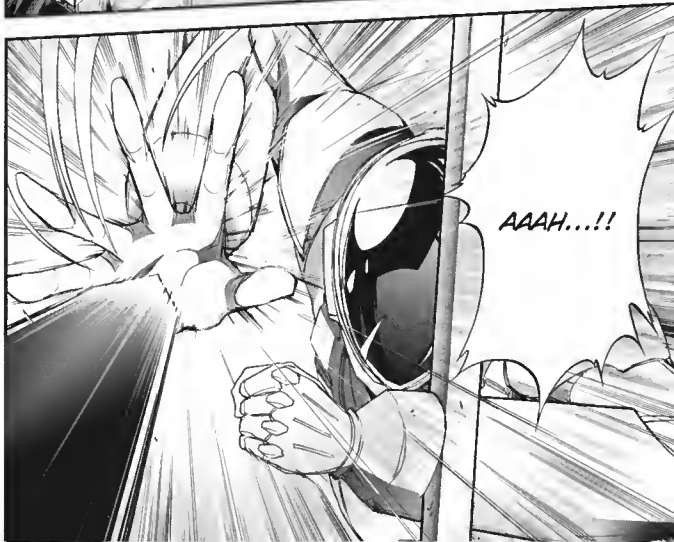
PLEASE!!
HOLD ON,
LEFT ARM!!

MY
BULL'S-
EYE HIT
IS—

MY BODY'S
RESISTANT TO
CUTTING, AND
HE MADE IT
THAT FAR....!!



...COMING!!



AAAHH...!!



CZ23
R2

NGAAAH...!!

Silver Crow

GYUO
OF 195540

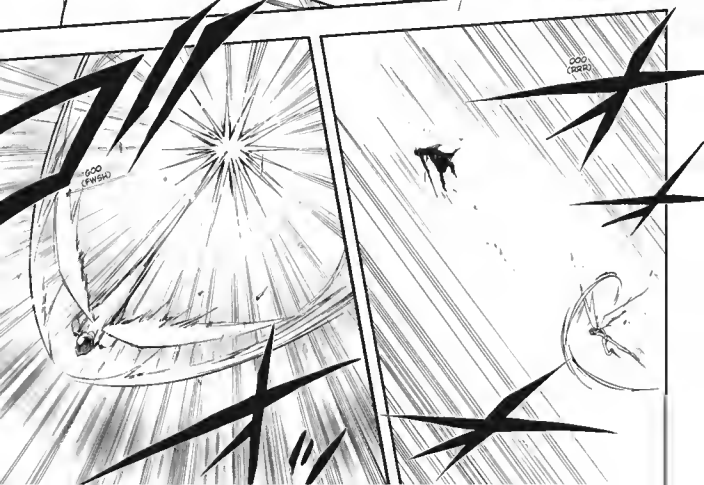


I STOPPED
IT...!!

er Crow

—THIS
GAMBLE...

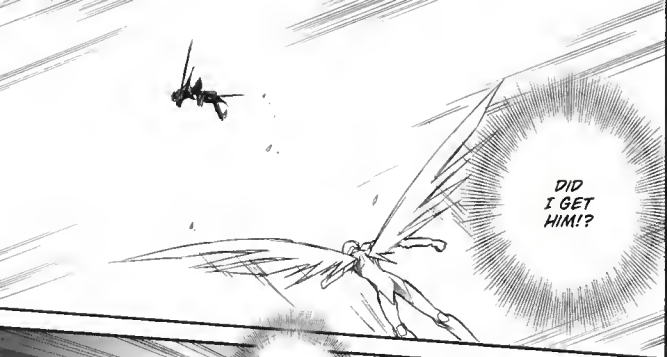
...IS MY
WIIIN!!



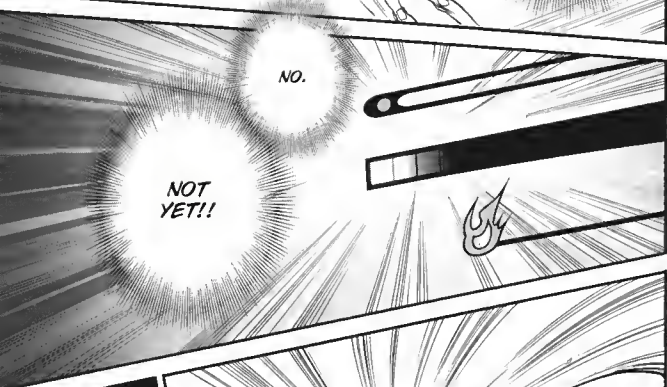


DAIKI
C&KREND

!!...TAAAAA



DID
I GET
HIM!?



NO.

NOT
YET!!



JUST
ONE
MORE
HIT!!

!!



BA
CRASH

A SPECIAL
ATTACK!?

NO, DON'T
FREAK!!

HE CAN'T GET
ANY KIND OF
FOOTHOLD IN
MIDAIR. HIS
ATTACK WON'T
HAVE ANY REAL
POWER.

AN ATTACK
LIKE THAT
WON'T PIERCE
MY ARMOR!!





HE FLIPPED
AROUND!?





WHO
IS THIS
GUY!?

Wha...?



...HE'S USING
UP EVERYTHING
LEFT IN HIS
SPECIAL
ATTACK
GAUGE...!!

I MEAN,
FOR A QUICK
CHARGE...

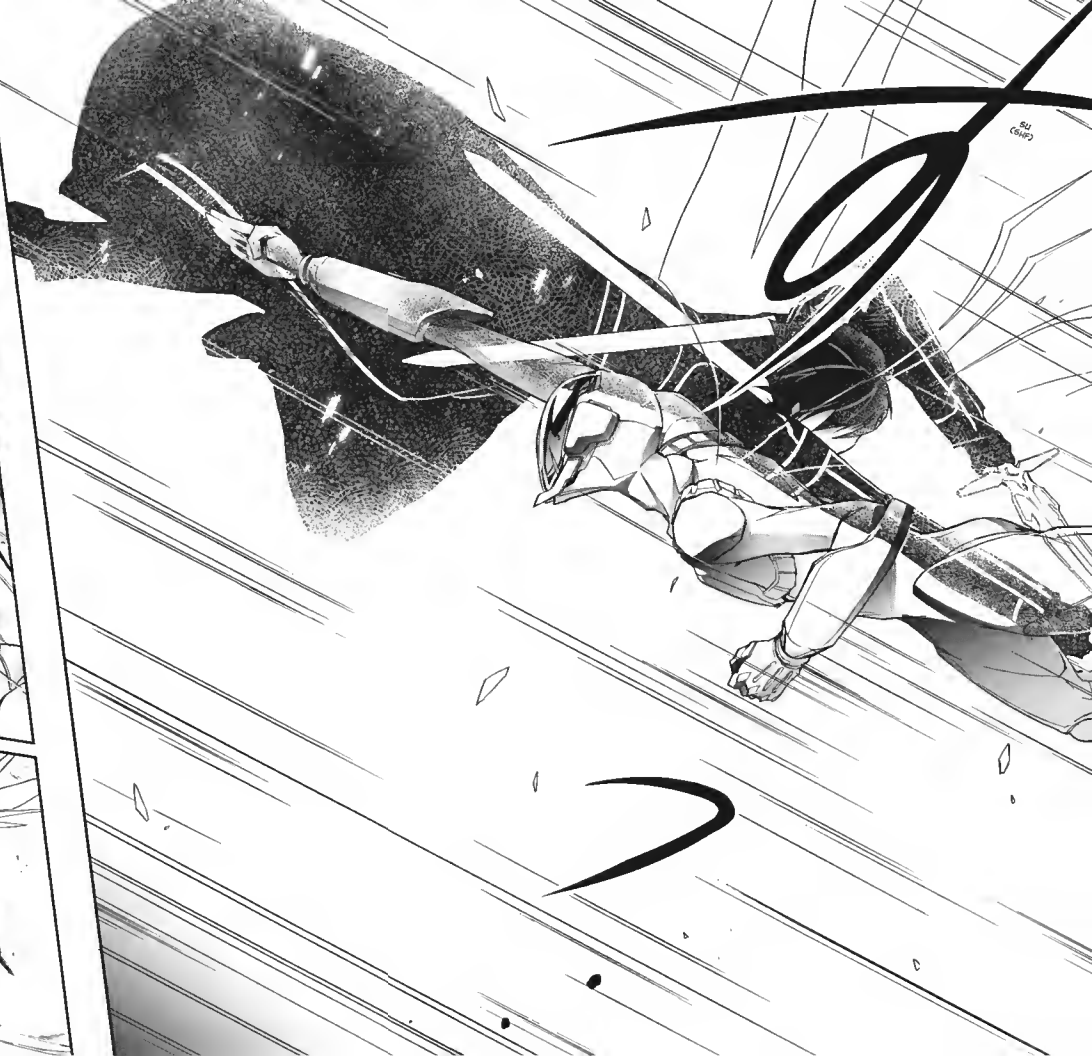


NGH
.....!!

YOU...
YOU GOTTA
MAKE IT!!

...I FOUGHT
RIGHT TO
THE END!!

SO I CAN
AT LEAST
SAY...





THAT WAS
A GOOD
DUEL.



LET'S
FIGHT AGAIN
SOMEDAY.

CONNECTION...
ERROR...

ERROR...
DISCONNECTION

OH!
S-SORRY,
SUGU.

WHAT?

...CHAN.

ONII-CHAN!!

AH.

KIRITO'S YOUNGER SISTER,
SUGUHA

THIS
ODEN'S
REALLY
GOOD.

O-OF
COURSE
I DO!

...SO I
ASKED IF
YOU LIKE
IT!

YOUR HAND
HASN'T REALLY
MOVED FOR A
WHILE...





AFTER THE
CONNECTION
WAS CUT AND
I RETURNED,
I EXPLAINED
THE GIST OF IT
TO HIGA-SAN,
BUT...

...ALL I
GOT WAS A
REACTION
LIKE HE
DIDN'T
BELIEVE ME.



IN THE NEAR
FUTURE!? A
CITY OF RUINED
BUILDINGS!?
THERE'S NO
WAY...

WHAT WE
SET UP ON THE
OTHER SIDE
OF THE DIVE
IS A PEACEFUL
WOODED AREA!



...THE
RUINED
WORLD,
THE
FIGHTING
UI...

...AND THE
FIGHTER
WERE ALL
GONE...

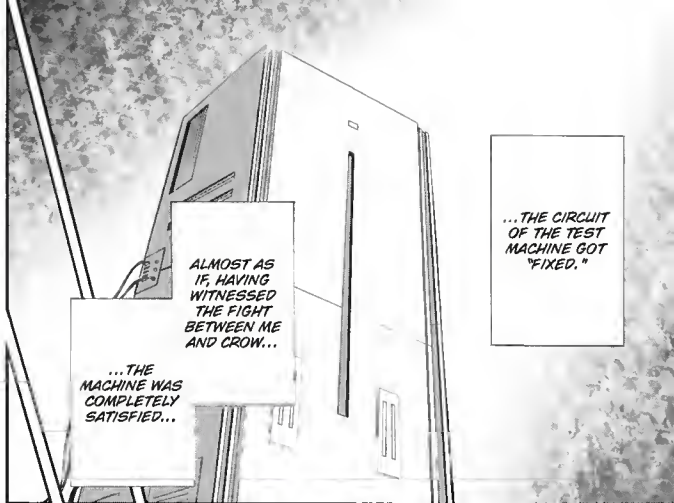
AND
WHEN
I TRIED
DIVING
AGAIN...



WHICH
MEANS
...

...NONE
OF THEM
SAW ANY
MYSTERIOUS
HUMAN
FIGURES.

HIGA-SAN
AND THE
STAFF ALSO
TRIED DIVING,
BUT...



ALMOST AS
IF, HAVING
WITNESSED
THE FIGHT
BETWEEN ME
AND CROW...

...THE
MACHINE WAS
COMPLETELY
SATISFIED...

...THE CIRCUIT
OF THE TEST
MACHINE GOT
"FIXED."



A
DREAM...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT...

...ONII-
CHAN?



...WITH YOU
DIVING FOR
THE FIRST
TIME WITH
THE FOURTH-
GENERATION
MACHINE...

MAYBE
THIS
FIGHT...

...WAS A
FLEETING
DREAM... THAT
COULD BE.



Oh...No.



DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?



YOU'VE
JUST BEEN
SITTING
THERE
THINKING...



IT'S
JUST
TODAY
...

...I DUELED
AN AMAZING
OPPONENT.



WHAT?

IT WAS A
DRAW?

WELL...
I CAN'T
REALLY SAY
I WON.

THE
CONNECTION
GOT CUT, SO
THERE WAS
NO COUNT.



RIGHT...
LET'S
SEE...

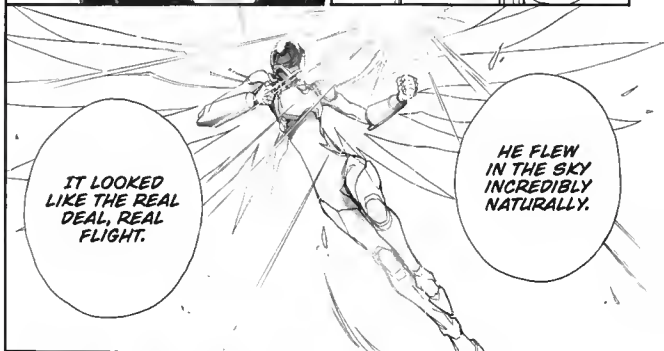
I SWORE
TO KEEP
THE TEST
MACHINE
SECRET,
SO I CAN'T
CORRECT
HER...

I GUESS
SHE'S
ASSUMING
IT WAS IN
ALO.

MM...
OH...
WH...

YOUR
OPPONENT
MUST
HAVE BEEN
REALLY
AMAZING.

WHAT
WAS THIS
PERSON
LIKE?



IT LOOKED
LIKE THE REAL
DEAL, REAL
FLIGHT.

HE FLEW
IN THE SKY
INCREDIBLY
NATURALLY.



THIS TO
DECELER-
ATE.

LIKE THIS
TO ACCEL-
ERATE...

...BUT
YOU HAVE
TO USE THE
MOVEMENT
OF YOUR
SHOULDER
BLADES,
RIGHT?

IN ALO,
YOU DON'T
JUST USE
YOUR BRAIN
TO FLY...

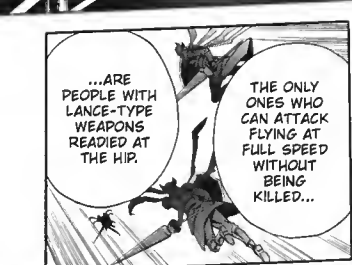
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



SO NO
MATTER WHAT,
IT INTERFERES
WITH YOUR
ATTACK
MOTION...

AS YOU GET
SKILLED AT IT,
THE ACTUAL
MOTION GETS
SMALLER AND
SMALLER.

BUT YOU'RE
STILL MOVING
A LITTLE AT
LEAST.



...ARE
PEOPLE WITH
LANCE-TYPE
WEAPONS
READYED AT
THE HIP.

THE ONLY
ONES WHO
CAN ATTACK
FLYING AT
FULL SPEED
WITHOUT
BEING
KILLED...



...DON'T
HAVE REAL
WINGS.

AFTER
ALL,
HUMAN
BEINGS...

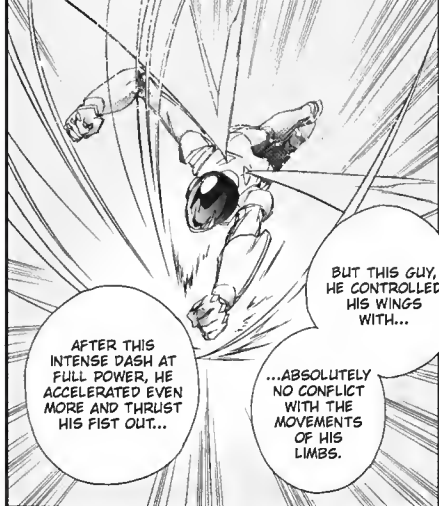
BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
AROUND
THAT.



RIGHT.

...SO YOU END
UP ORDERING
YOUR WINGS
TO BRAKE AT
THE SAME
TIME.

WHEN YOU
SWING YOUR
SWORD, YOU
HAVE TO
OPEN YOUR
SHOULDERS
...



AFTER THIS
INTENSE DASH AT
FULL POWER, HE
ACCELERATED EVEN
MORE AND THRUST
HIS FIST OUT...

BUT THIS GUY,
HE CONTROLLED
HIS WINGS
WITH...

...ABSOLUTELY
NO CONFLICT
WITH THE
MOVEMENTS
OF HIS
LIMBS.



RIGHT.

YOU HAVE
TO SUBSTIT-
UTE SOME
OTHER
MOTION OF
YOUR BODY.



—IN
THAT
WORLD...

OR...

BEING ABLE
TO FREELY
CONTROL HIS
WINGS, MAYBE
THAT GUY'S NOT
A PERSON?



WHAT?
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
...!!

...RIGHT. IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.



...THAT GOES
BEYOND MY
UNDERSTANDING
...

...THERE
IS A
HUMAN-
MACHINE
INTER-
FACE...

...IT READS
MOVEMENT
IMAGES
DIRECTLY
FROM THE
CONSCIOUS-
NESS...OR...?

IF, RATHER
THAN
PICKING UP
MOVEMENT
ORDERS
FROM THE
AFTERBRAIN
LIKE THE
AMUSPHERE
...

NO.

BUT THAT'S
THE ONLY
THING I CAN
THINK OF THAT
WOULD ALLOW
MOVEMENT
LIKE THAT...

I MEAN,
ACCESSING
THE CON-
SCIOUSNESS—
IN OTHER
WORDS,
THE SOUL.

THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT
COULD BE
DONE...



IMAGE
POWER.

THINKING
ABOUT IT
LIKE THIS,
THAT TEST
MACHINE...

...IT READ
MY SELF-IMAGE
AND PRODUCED
THE SWORDSMAN
KIRITO AVATAR
THAT WAY,
DIDN'T IT...?

...INTO
ACTUAL
POWER...

IN OTHER
WORDS,
A WORLD
WHERE A
PERSON'S
VERY WILL IS
DIGITIZED...

...AND MAKES USE
OF THE ULTIMATE
OUTPUT— THAT
IS, THE POWER
OF WILL. THAT'S
A POSSIBILITY.

OR...?

...COMMU-
NICATES
DIRECTLY
WITH THE
SOUL...

SO THEN,
THE FOURTH-
GENERATION
MACHINE
HIGA-SAN
MADE...



NO, MAYBE
EVEN IN THE
UNEXPECT-
EDLY NEAR
FUTURE...

MAYBE
SOMEDAY
...

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
GRINNING
ABOUT?



にやっ
NYA
GGRND

HEY,
SUGU?



...WE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
REALLY FLY.

NOT ANY
PSEUDO,
INVOLUNTARY
FLIGHT...

...BUT
FLAPPING OUR
WINGS JUST AS
WE IMAGINE IT IN
OUR HEARTS...
YEAH?



IT WOULD
BE GREAT...

...IF THAT DAY
ACTUALLY
CAME...!!

YEAH!!



I was just thinking...

I-I'm sorry!!

WELL ...



...YUKI-KUN.

HEY.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, HARUYUKI-KUN?

AH.



...WHAT IS THIS ITEM FOR INVESTIGATION THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISCUSSING WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH ME?

I'D BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR.



MUKU GORRO

あーうー





MY FINAL
BLOW...
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
HAVE
LANDED.

BUT...
IF IT HADN'T
BEEN, I'M
PRETTY SURE
I WOULD'VE
LOST.

NO...RIGHT
BEFORE THE
DECIDING
BATTLE, THE
CONNECTION
WAS CUT.




WHAT WAS
HIS COLOR
AND LEVEL?

MY...TO
OVERWHELM
YOU IN
CLOSE
COMBAT.



JUST...
LOOKING AT
HIM...

...HE WAS
INCREDIBLY
BLACK.



THAT'S...
MAYBE IT WAS
A SYSTEM
ERROR, BUT
I COULDN'T
SEE HIS COLOR
NAME OR HIS
LEVEL...



HA
HA.

Oh!
S-sorry.

WHERE'S
THAT
COMING
FROM
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

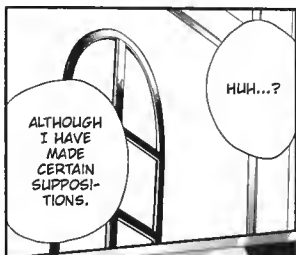


WHAT KIND OF
ATTRIBUTES
DOES "BLACK"
HAVE ANYWAY?



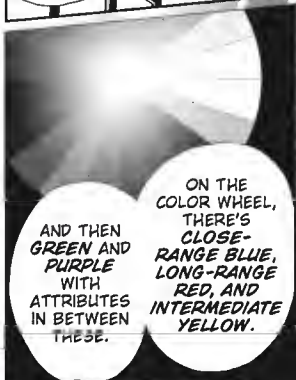
OH,
RIGHT.
SENPAI?

I MEANT TO
ASK YOU
A MILLION
TIMES
BEFORE.



ALTHOUGH
I HAVE
MADE
CERTAIN
SUPPOSI-
TIONS.

HUH...?



AND THEN
GREEN AND
PURPLE
WITH
ATTRIBUTES
IN BETWEEN
THESE.

ON THE
COLOR WHEEL,
THERE'S
CLOSE-
RANGE BLUE,
LONG-RANGE
RED, AND
INTERMEDIATE
YELLOW.



NO, NO
NEED TO
APOLOGIZE.

BECAUSE
THE ANSWER
IS...

...I DON'T
KNOW
EITHER.



CONVERSELY,
THE LOWER THE
SATURATION...
THE AFFILIATION
IS ALSO A
FEATURE.

EXCEPT FOR
THE METALLIC
COLORS, PRETTY
MUCH EVERY
DUEL AVATAR IS
CATEGORIZED IN
THIS WHEEL.

THE GREATER
THE SATURATION,
THE PURER THE
AFFILIATION.



BUT...
EVEN WITH
THE SAME
LOWERING OF
SATURATION
...

...WHY DO
SOME AVATARS
GO DARKER AND
OTHERS GO
LIGHTER?

THAT STILL
HASN'T BEEN
EXPLAINED...



THAT'S
BECAUSE A
LARGE PART OF
HIS POTENTIAL
HAS BEEN POURED
INTO THE SPECIAL
ENHANCED
ARMAMENT OF
HIS BIKE.

YOUR FRIEND
ASH ROLLER
IS A GREEN
TYPE, BUT
HE'S SO GREY,
YOU BASICALLY
CAN'T TELL.



AND THEN,
AT THE VERY
TIPS OF THIS
SPECTRUM, ARE
PURE BLACK
AND PURE
WHITE.

WITH BOTH
SHARING THE
FACT THAT
THEY POSSESS
THE ULTIMATE
SPECIFICITY...

...some
lighter...

Some get
darker...

...WHY...ARE
BLACK AND
WHITE SPLIT UP
AS OPPOSITE
COLORS...?

What...?

OR SO I
THOUGHT
FOR A LONG
TIME.

...THE
COLOR OF
REFUSAL...

—BLACK
IS...

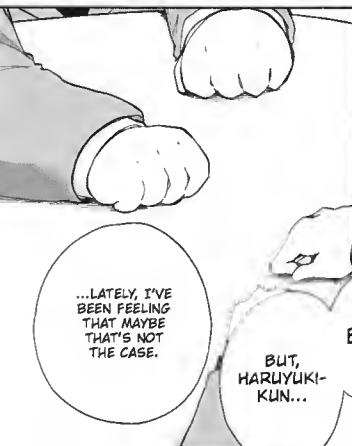


IT IS A
NIHILISTIC
COLOR,
POSSESSING
NOTHING.

IT REFUSES
TO BE DYED
WITH ANY
HUE.

YES.

"R-
REFUSAL"
...!?



...LATELY, I'VE
BEEN FEELING
THAT MAYBE
THAT'S NOT
THE CASE.

BUT,
HARUYUKI-
KUN...

BUT.

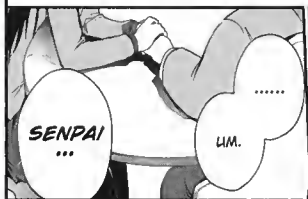
But—

.....



YOU CAN'T
GO ANY
FURTHER
THAN THAT.

THE COLOR OF
THE BOTTOM OF
A DEEP WELL...





**...I WAS
TAUGHT
THAT...**

**SO...IT'S
DEFINITELY
NOT A SAD
COLOR.**

**I THINK IT'S
BIGGER AND
WARMER THAN
ANY OTHER
COLOR...!!**

**...BLACK
THINGS LOOK
BLACK BECAUSE
THEY DON'T
REPEL ANY
LIGHT.**

ギュ
(SQUEEZED)

—THANK
YOU.

HARUYUKI-
KUN...

GATA
OKLAWO
た
ア
.

I ALSO
WANT TO
CONTINUE OUR
DISCUSSION
ABOUT GOING
OUT...HM?

DO YOU
WANT TO STOP
SOMEWHERE
ON THE WAY
HOME?

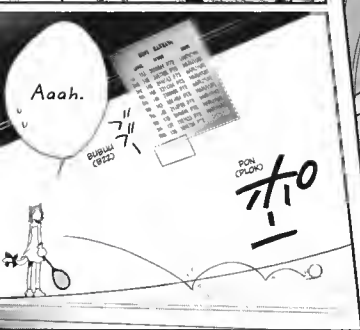
...I'M IN
THE MOOD
FOR EATING
SOMETHING
SWEET NOW.

—SURE!!

CHAPTER

#21









KUROYUKI-SENPAI!!



SORRY,
I SOMEHOW
MISSED ANY
CHANCE TO
SAY HELLO.



...YOU REALLY
ARE THE TYPE
TO NEVER LET
GO ONCE YOU
GET HOLD OF
SOMETHING.

KURA-
SHIMA-
KUN...

NAME	PTS	NAME	PTS
1st	150	200000	PTS
2nd	140	200000	PTS
3rd	140	200000	PTS
4th	140	200000	PTS
5th	140	200000	PTS
6th	140	200000	PTS
7th	140	200000	PTS
8th	140	200000	PTS
9th	140	200000	PTS
10th	140	200000	PTS

PIKA
COLLATERAL

MM...



HOW ABOUT
IT? RIGHT
NOW—

!!

...THE WORLD OF
ACCELERATION'S
NOT THIS, YOU
KNOW?



BUT...

YOU SEEM
TO HAVE
GOTTEN
QUITE
GOOD.



TAKE
ME ON?

IF YOU
CAN DO A
SPECTACULAR
RETURN OF
THE BALL
I HIT, IT'S
YOUR WIN.



SHUN
(POOF)



KACHA
(CHAK)



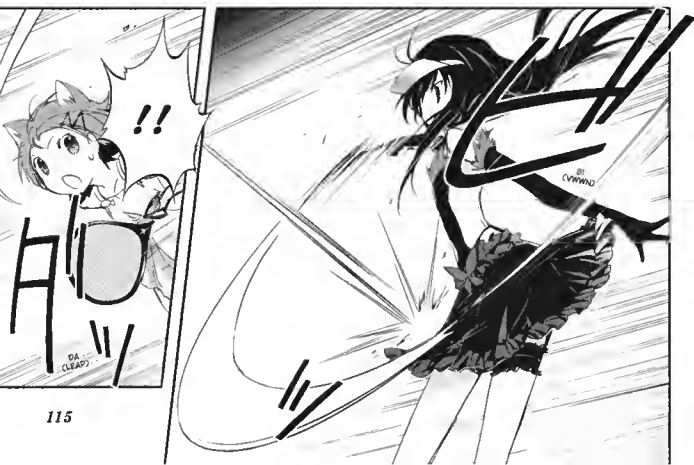
PI
(BEEP)

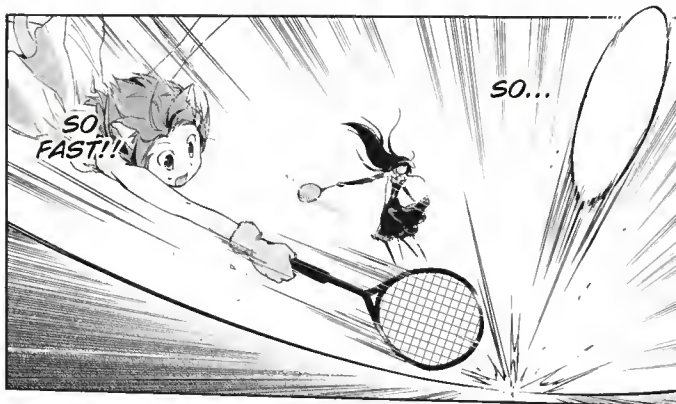


GYO
(GULP)

SHUN
(GAMF)









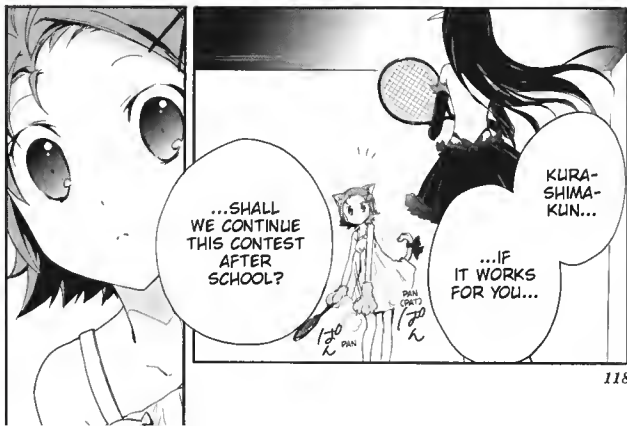
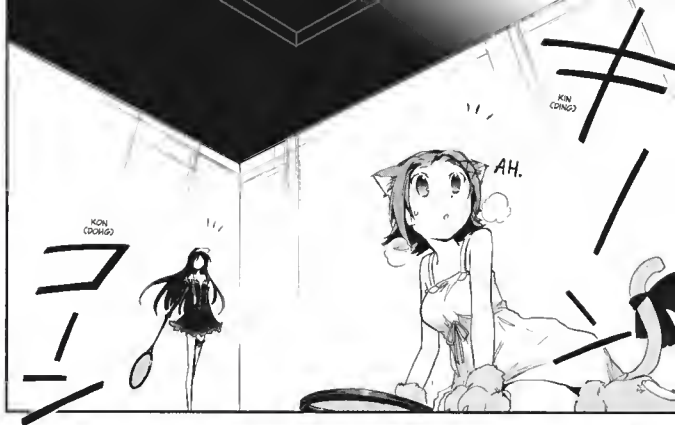
COULD
SHE
PERHAPS
BE...

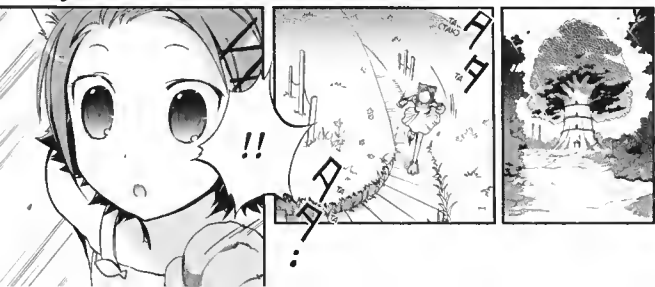
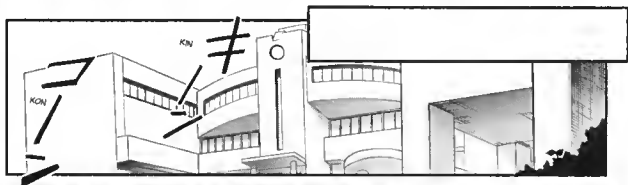


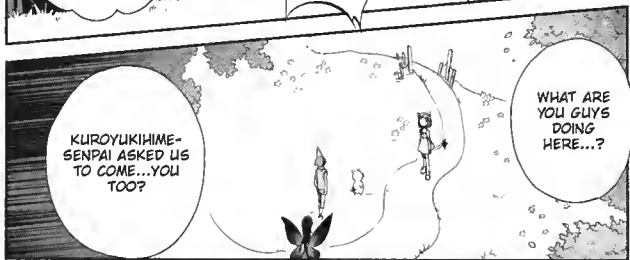
IN THIS
SHORT PERIOD,
HER REACTION
SPEED HAS
COME SO
FAR...?

SURPRIS-
ING.











SHULUN
(POOF)

!?

KUROYUKI-
SENPAI AS MY
PARTNER!?

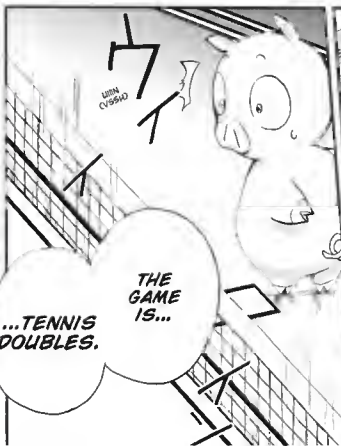
I'LL BE YOUR
PARTNER,
KURASHIMA-
KUN.

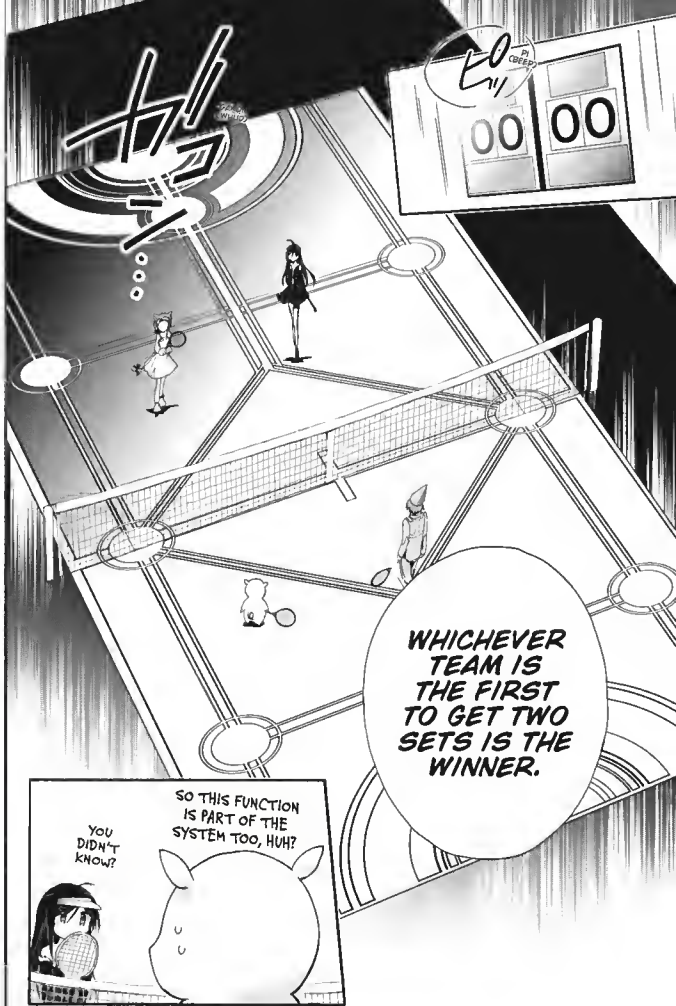
NO NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

SO,
KURASHIMA-
KUN?

WHOA
> WHOA
> WHOA!

.....
GOT IT.





**WHICHEVER
TEAM IS
THE FIRST
TO GET TWO
SETS IS THE
WINNER.**

**YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?**

**SO THIS FUNCTION
IS PART OF THE
SYSTEM TOO, HUH?**



B-but, laak...

Far real?

Are...are you sure you really want to do this?



Hey, Taku...



And I'd have a hard time saying ta Senpai that we shouldn't da this...

Yeah... That's true.

...we can't stop her no matter what we say.

When Chii-chan gets like that...



OKAY, HERE WE GO!



Y-YEAH!

I'M NOT GONNA GO EASY ON YOU, GOT IT!?

HARU!! TAKKUN!!



Yeah...

...Aah. Well, she said it. So let's do this right, Taku.



I-I'M
FINE.

YOU
OKAY!?

HARU!?

BNF!

OW, OW...

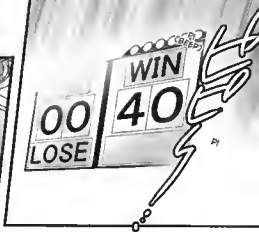
BUT...

I-IT'S
DRIVING ME
NUTS THAT I
CAN ALMOST
SEE.

I CAN'T
CONCENTRATE
ON THE
MATCH...!!



They took
the first set
from us...



...BE
DELIBERATELY
HOLDING
BACK, COULD
YOU...?

YOU TWO
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY...



—
TAKUMI-
KUN...



...I
TOTALLY
CAN'T SAY
THAT.



ISN'T THAT
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING?

...YES.

...THEN
YOU WANT
TO OFFER
YOUR HAND.

AND IF
KURASHIMA-
KUN WANTS
TO BE A
BURST
LINKER...

Taku...



WHEN
YOU TEST
KURASHIMA-
KUN...

STAND FIRM
AND FACE
HER IN THIS
MATCH.

...YOU
YOURSELF
ARE ALSO
TESTED...BY
KURASHIMA-
KUN.

AH...



ALTHOUGH
I DO WANT
TO RESPECT
THAT
FEELING...

...IF YOU ARE
TO BECOME
KURASHIMA-
KUN'S
"PARENT"
...

...YOU DO
UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU
CAN'T SIMPLY
DO IT OUT OF
KINDNESS?



SET NO. 2

PAKON
(THUD)

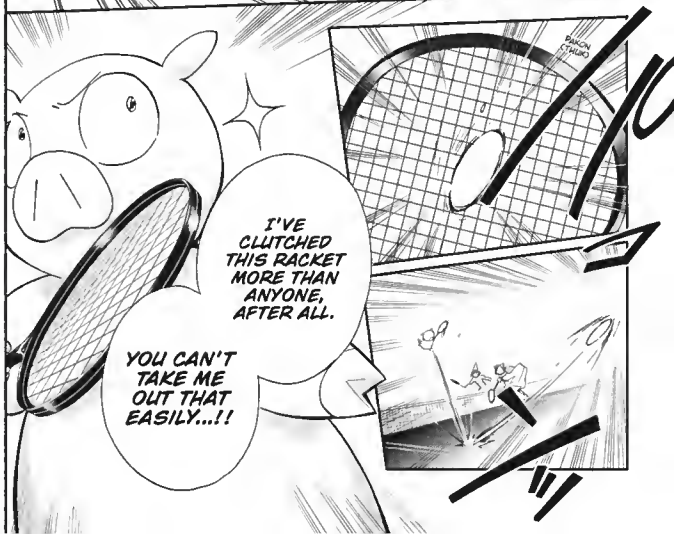
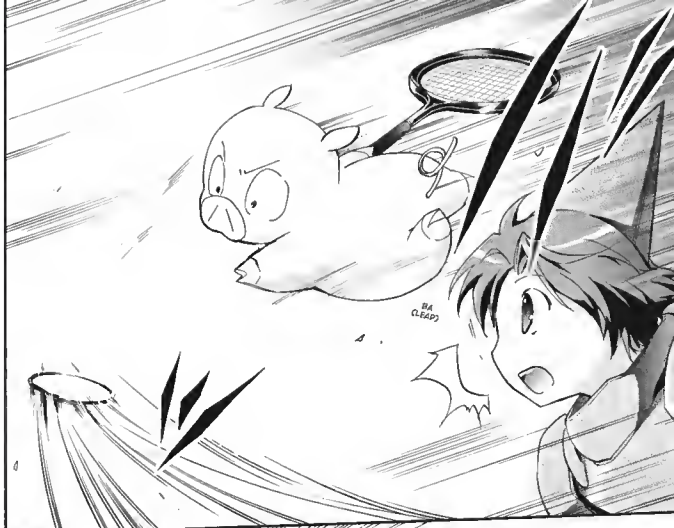
PAKON
110
7-1

...NGH!

JUST
LIKE YOU,
MASTER!

NO
INDECISION
IN THE FORCE
YOU BRING
TO THE
BALL....!!

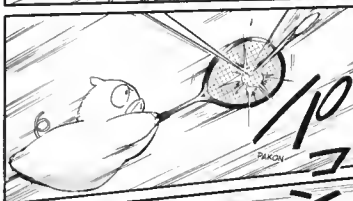
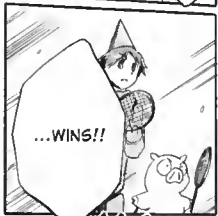
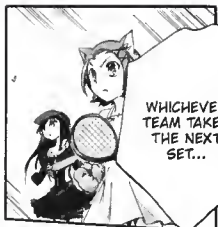
PAKON

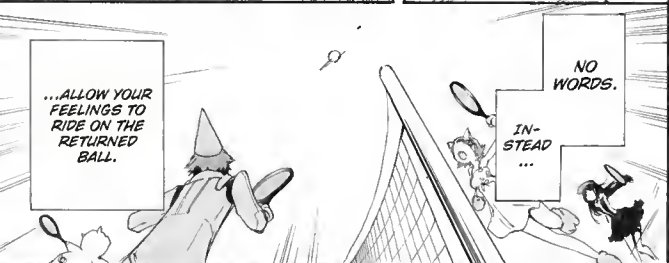
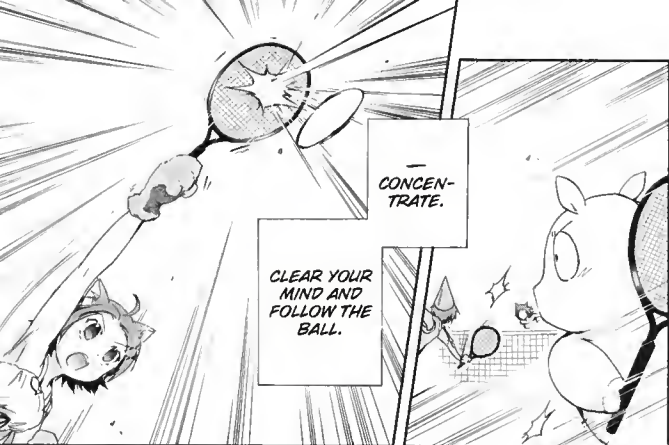


I'VE
CLUTCHED
THIS RACKET
MORE THAN
ANYONE,
AFTER ALL.

YOU CAN'T
TAKE ME
OUT THAT
EASILY...!!









...UNTIL
THE SUN WENT
DOWN AND WE
COULDN'T SEE
EACH OTHER'S
FACES
ANYMORE.

ALMOST
LIKE...

...WHEN
WE USED
TO PLAY
TOGETHER,
FORGETTING
ABOUT
TIME...



...AND,
I MEAN,
I KNOW
THAT.

I KNOW
THAT,
BUT...!!



HARU SAID
WE CAN'T
BE KIDS
FOREVER...

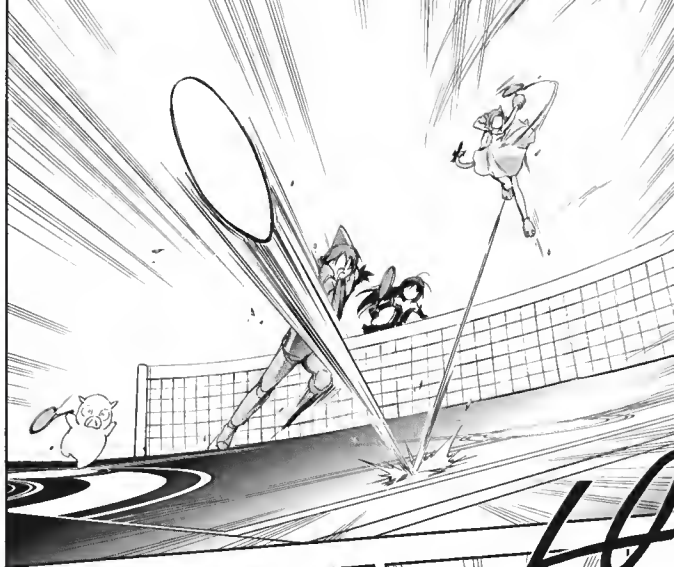
...THAT
PEOPLE
CHANGE...

...GOD.

PLEASE...

JUST A
LITTLE
WHILE
LONGER...!!

A
LITTLE
MORE.



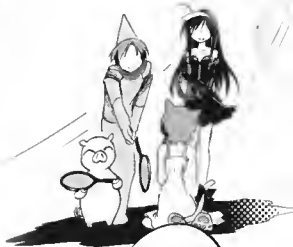




BRAIN
BURST.

NEXT TIME,
WE'LL
INSTALL IT.

OKAY,
THEN...



—YEAH!!





SO
WE'RE
ALL
READY,
THEN.

OKAY.

LET'S
START THE
INSTALL.



▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

CHAPTER

#22

AS SOON AS
SPRING BREAK
STARTED, WE
SORT OF MISSED
EACH OTHER,
AND THEN WE
HAD OUR TEAM
TRIPS AND
STUFF.

NO WAY
AROUND
IT.

IT'S ALREADY
BEEN ALMOST
THREE WEEKS
SINCE THEN,
HUH?





**BRAIN
BURST.**

**SO
THEN I'LL
INSTALL
IT?**



**YOU'LL GET
THE MOST
AMAZING
PRIVILEGES,
THE TOTAL
RUSH OF IT,
AND SOME
SERIOUS
THRILLS...**

**...BUT IT WILL
DEMAND A LOT
FROM YOU IN
EXCHANGE.**

**YOU...
MIGHT
REGRET
THIS
SOMEDAY.**

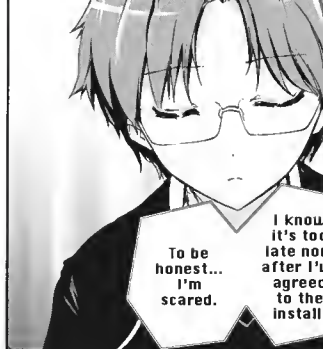


**CHII-
CHAN...**

**IT'S A
GAME, BUT
IT'S ALSO
NOT A
GAME.**

**...I'M
ABOUT
TO SEND
YOU BRAIN
BURST, BUT
I JUST
WANT TO
CHECK ONE
LAST
TIME...**





To be honest...
I'm scared.

I know it's too late now after I've agreed to the install.



.....Haru.



ONE-ON-ONE
NEUROSPEAK
CONVERSA-
TION FROM
TAKU...



Taku.....

Of Chii-chan
maybe...
changing.



I mean,
I feel bad
for Chiyu...
but it
probably
won't.



...I
guess
so.

And the
installation
might not
necessarily
work.

No, if
you're
there to
protect
her, she'll
be fine.

If
we—



WHAT...
IS THIS?

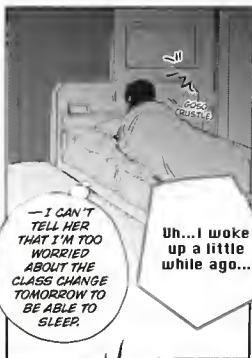
INDIFFERENT
TO OUR
CONCERNS...

...THE
INSTALL OF
BRAIN BURST
WORKED.

W-
WELCOME
TO THE...

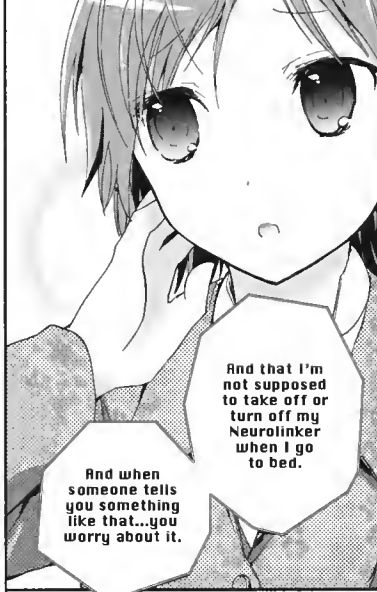
...ACCELERATED
WORLD...?





Uh... I woke up a little while ago...





And when someone tells you something like that...you worry about it.

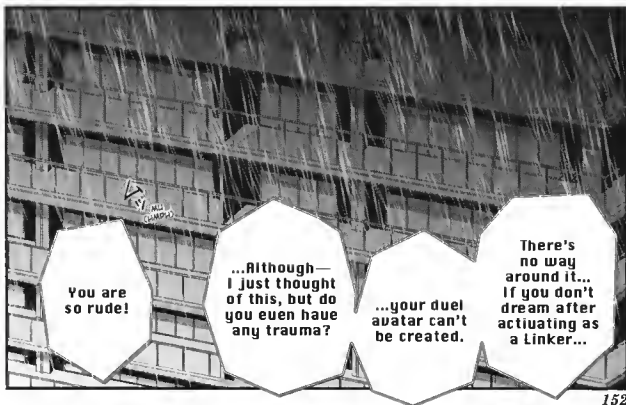
And that I'm not supposed to take off or turn off my Neurolinker when I go to bed.



Uh-huh. When I was leaving, you said something weird.

You said I might have scary dreams tonight...

Oh, yeah...

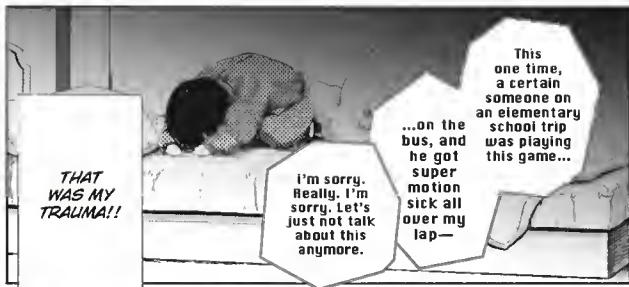


You are so rude!

...Although—I just thought of this, but do you even have any trauma?

...your duel avatar can't be created.

There's no way around it... If you don't dream after activating as a Linker...



**THAT
WAS MY
TRAUMA!!**

I'm sorry.
Really. I'm
sorry. Let's
just not talk
about this
anymore.

This
one time,
a certain
someone on
an elementary
school trip
was playing
this game...
...on the
bus, and
he got
super
motion
sick all
over my
lap—



You
can make
that time
up to me
now.

Huh!?

Come
dive into
our home
Net.



ぴん
PON
FLASH

I'll open
a gate for
you.

See
ya.



Right!

I just
had a
good
idea.



WAH...!

AAAAAAH!?

POW

What is
this?

Wh...

AND YOU FILLED
THIS ENORMOUS
SPACE WITH
PILLOWS...

ANYWAY,
HOW AM I
SUPPOSED
TO PAY YOU
BACK?

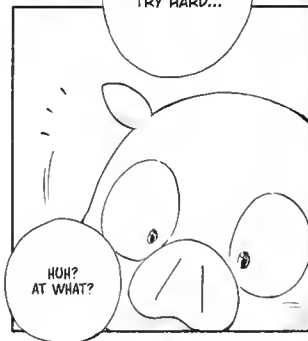
MM, JUST
SIT THERE
WHERE YOU
ARE.

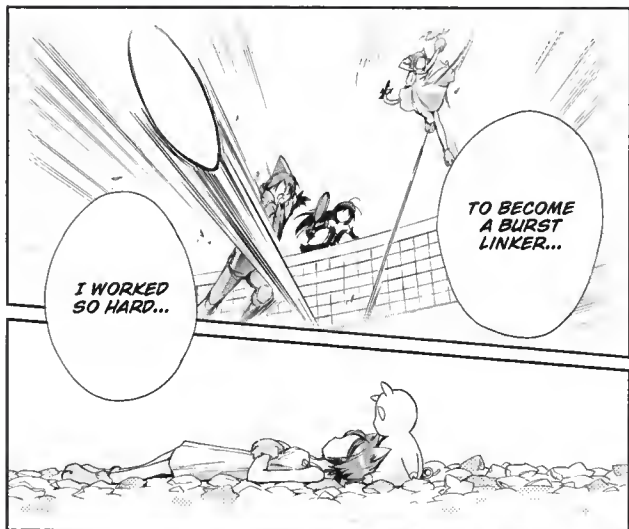
HEE-HEE-HEE!
NICE, HUH?

MY PARENTS
EXPANDED OUR
HOME SERVER FOR
ME AS A PRESENT
FOR PASSING
LAST YEAR.









SYSTEM MESSAGE

**DEEP SLEEP STATUS DETECTED.
DIVE HAS BEEN AUTOMATICALLY
RELEASED.**

FU
(POOF)

THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
THAT NEVER
CHANGE.

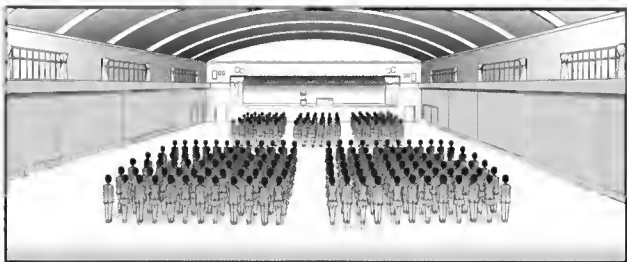
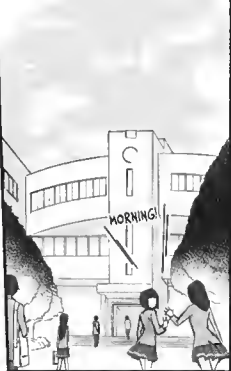
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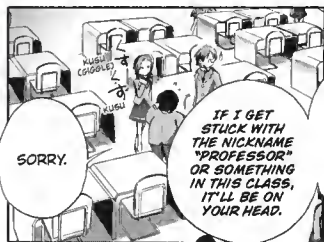
SIGN: UMESATO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ENTRANCE CEREMONY

...THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
THAT DO
CHANGE...

...AND
NEVER GO
BACK TO
THE WAY
THEY WERE.









THE
POSSIBILITY OF
AN UNKNOWN
BURST LINKER
MIXED IN
WITH THOSE
ONE HUNDRED
TWENTY
PEOPLE...
RIGHT?

NEW
SEVENTH
GRADERS.



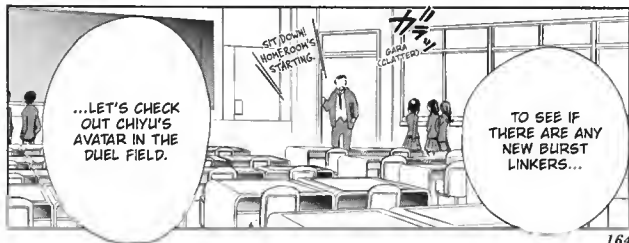
HMM...
THEN HOW
ABOUT WE
DO THIS?

ISN'T IT RIGHT
ABOUT NOW?
I'M PRETTY SURE
ACCOUNTS WERE
HANDLED OUT RIGHT
AFTER WE MOVED TO
OUR CLASSROOMS
ONCE THE ENTRANCE
CEREMONY WAS
OVER.



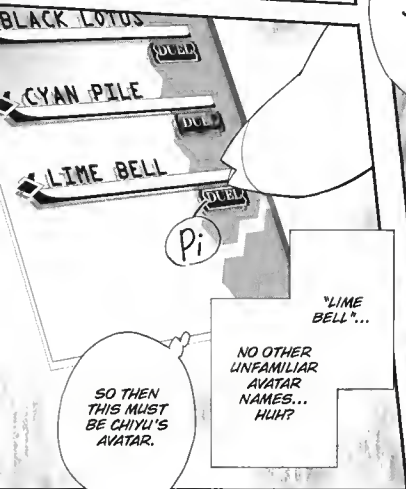
R-RIGHT...

WHEN
EXACTLY DO
NEW STUDENTS
CONNECT TO
THE LOCAL
NET?



...LET'S CHECK
OUT CHIYU'S
AVATAR IN THE
DUEL FIELD.

TO SEE IF
THERE ARE ANY
NEW BURST
LINKERS...



I'LL
CHALLENGE
CHIYU TO
A DUEL.

TAKU, YOU
JOIN IN THE
GALLERY.

"LIME
BELL"...

NO OTHER
UNFAMILIAR
AVATAR
NAMES...
HUH?

SO THEN
THIS MUST
BE CHIYU'S
AVATAR.



"LIME"...
SO MAYBE
A YELLOW-
GREEN.

LIKE A
MID-RANGE
FIGHTER
A LITTLE
CLOSER
TO CLOSE-
RANGE.

I WONDER
WHAT
KIND OF
ABILITIES
SHE HAS...

WH...OA...





SO THIS
IS IT...

THIS
COLOR'S
KIND OF...
FLASHY?



...I AM.

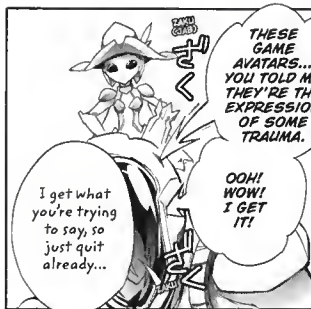
.....
YOU'RE...
HARU?



THIS IS
CHIYU...

BASICALLY
NO ONE GETS
A COLOR WITH
THAT HIGH
LEVEL OF
SATURATION,
EVEN IF THEY
WANT IT.

D-DON'T
COMPLAIN.





YEAH.

CHIYU, YOU
ALREADY HEARD
THE BASIC RULES
FOR BRAIN BURST
FROM TAKU,
RIGHT?

...WELL, WE
SHOULD GET
RIGHT INTO
THE NEWBIE
LECTURE.



KOHON
(KOFF)

アハハ

...YOU HAVE
TO REALLY
UNDERSTAND
YOUR OWN
AVATAR.

A-ANYWAY,
TO WIN
DUELS...



ふんす

FUNSHI
(WHOO)

It's not
as simple
as that...

ALTHOUGH,
I GUESS
IT IS
ACTUALLY.

YOU WIN
A BUNCH,
GET A
BUNCH
OF
POINTS...

...GET
TO LEVEL
TEN, AND
DONE!!



LO LO

IT SAYS
"CITRON
CALL."

THREE
NORMAL
ATTACKS
AND...ONE
SPECIAL
ATTACK,
I GUESS.

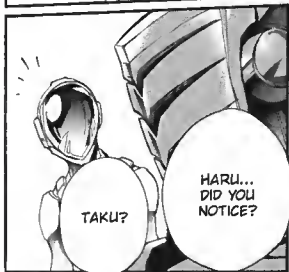
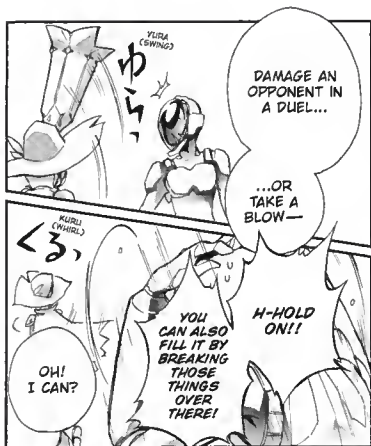
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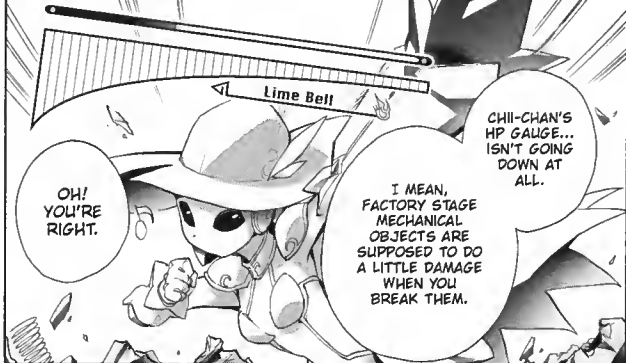


IN YOUR
FIELD OF
VISION,
THERE'S
A HEALTH
GAUGE,
RIGHT?

TOUCH THAT
AND THEN OPEN
"SKILL LIST" IN
THE WINDOW
THAT POPS UP.

LIKE
THIS?





OH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

CHII-CHAN'S
HP GAUGE...
ISN'T GOING
DOWN AT
ALL.

I MEAN,
FACTORY STAGE
MECHANICAL
OBJECTS ARE
SUPPOSED TO DO
A LITTLE DAMAGE
WHEN YOU
BREAK THEM.



YEAH?

CHII-
CHAN...

...YOUR
GAUGE IS
PRETTY
MUCH
FULL.

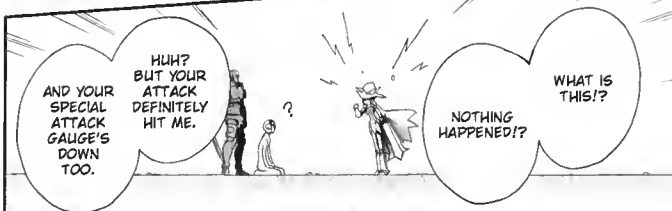


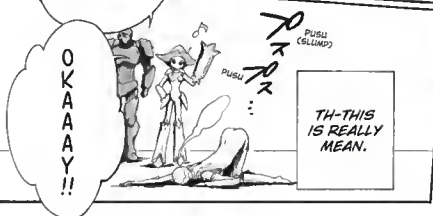
GIVEN HER
APPEARANCE,
HER RELATIVE
DEFENSIVE
ABILITY IS
HIGH.

AFTER ALL,
GREEN IS THE
COLOR WITH THE
BEST DEFENSE
AFTER THE
METALLICS.

THEN
HERE
I GO!

GU
YANG







**CITRON
CAAAAAALL!!**

PARAAA
CPWAAAAH

HUH...?

W H A A A T . . . ! ?



I KNEW
IT.

THERE'S NO
MISTAKE....!!

MY
HEALTH
GAUGE...

...IS
FILLING
BACK
UP...!?

Silver

CHII-
CHAN'S
AVATAR...

...WHEN
YOU MAKE
YOUR DEBUT
IN THE
DUELS...!!

THIS
IS GOING
TO BLOW
UP...

...IS A
HEALER!!



AND
YOU'RE
SURE!?

Y-yes...

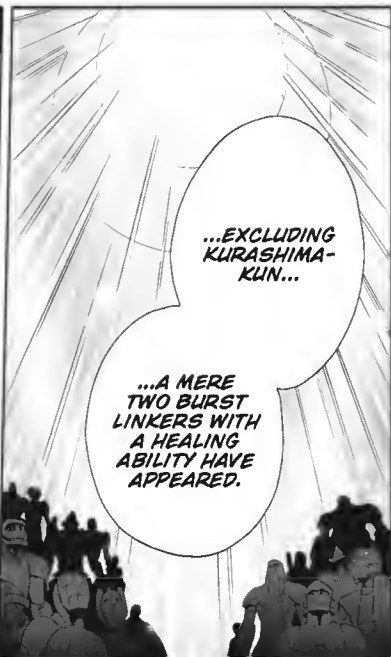
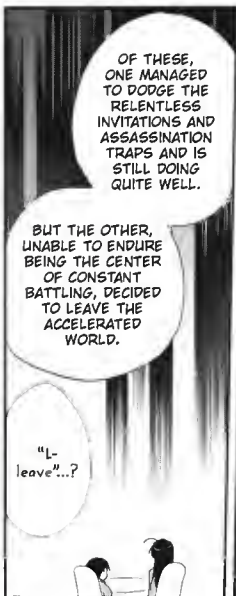


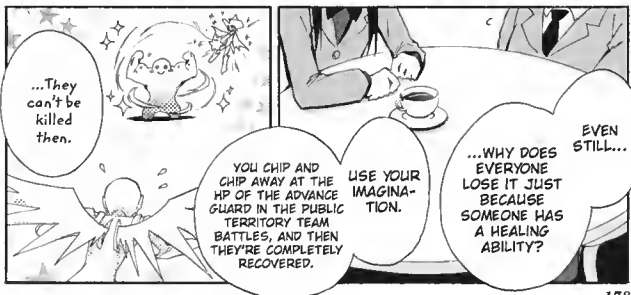
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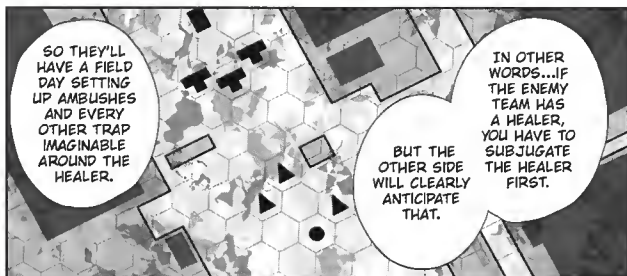


AND
THEN SHE'S
A HEALER
OF ALL
THINGS...

I HAD EXPECTED
THAT IT WOULD BE
FIFTY-FIFTY AS TO
WHETHER KURASHIMA
COULD EVEN BECOME
A BURST LINKER.







SO THEY'LL
HAVE A FIELD
DAY SETTING
UP AMBUSHES
AND EVERY
OTHER TRAP
IMAGINABLE
AROUND THE
HEALER.

BUT THE
OTHER SIDE
WILL CLEARLY
ANTICIPATE
THAT.

IN OTHER
WORDS...IF
THE ENEMY
TEAM HAS
A HEALER,
YOU HAVE TO
SUBJUGATE
THE HEALER
FIRST.



...THEIR
LEGION COULD
HAVE A RUN OF
WINS...COULDN'T
THEY UNIFY THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD?

IF THAT
OTHER
HEALER IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD
WANTED
TO...



...WHY
DON'T
THEY DO
THAT,
THEN?

IT'S
POSSIBLE,
YES,
CERTAINLY.
VERY MUCH
SO.



...HAS
YET TO BE
ESTABLISHED.

AN EFFECTIVE
COUNTER-
MEASURE FOR
WHEN THE
ENEMY ALONE
HAS A
HEALER...

HUH...

...THEN...



**A VERY
SIMPLE
REASON.**

**THAT HEALER
IS CURRENTLY
ONE OF THE
SIX KINGS OF
PURE COLOR.**

!!

**BECAUSE
OF THIS,
THE HEALER
NEVER
APPEARS
IN THE
BATTLEFIELD.**

**SO EVEN IF THE
LEGION BOASTS
A WIN RATIO OF
NINETY-NINE
PERCENT IN THE
TEAM BATTLES,
IF THAT KING IS
HIT JUST ONCE
BY ANOTHER
KING, SHE LOSES
ACCELERATION
IMMEDIATELY.**



I DON'T WANT
YOU...TO HEAR
THE NAME
RIGHT NOW.

I DON'T WANT
YOU TO BE EVEN
MARGINALLY
CURIOUS...

Huh?
...Wh-
what
do you
mean?



...WHAT
COLOR?

ONE
OF THE
KINGS...

.....
...I'M
SORRY.



OH! BUT
I TURNED
THEM ALL
DOWN RIGHT
THERE ON
THE SPOT!!

I-IF YOU
INCLUDE THE
THING WITH
NIKO, BY RED...
AND ONCE FROM
BLUE, AND ONCE
FROM ANOTHER
SMALL PLACE...



WHAT!?

HARUYUKI-
KUN...

...IN THESE
SIX MONTHS,
HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE
YOU BEEN
SCOUTED?



—I TRUST
YOU, OF
COURSE.

I TRUST
THAT YOU
WOULD NEVER
ACCEPT AN
OFFER FROM
ANOTHER
KING.

BUT...
I CAN'T
HELP
FEELING
A LITTLE
UNEASY.

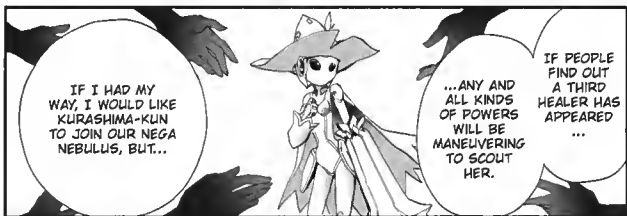
THERE IS
SOMETHING
SO ABSOLUTE
ABOUT THAT
JERK'S
ATTRACTION,
TO GO THAT
FAR...



"THAT
JERK"
...

HARUYUKI-
KUN.





WHY SO LONG...?

HUH?
TEN
DAYS?

WELL,
EITHER WAY,
WE'LL HAVE
TO WAIT TEN
DAYS.

GATA
(GLAK)

O-
OKINAWA
...!?

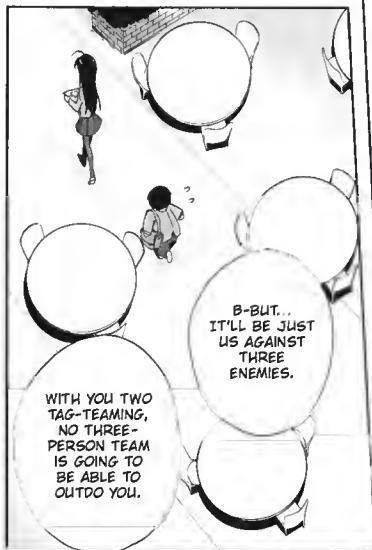
WHY?

THE
NEW NINTH
GRADERS HAVE
A SCHOOL TRIP.
WE'RE GOING
TO OKINAWA.

WHAT...SO THE
CHIYU THING'S
ON HOLD WHILE
YOU'RE GONE?

THINK ABOUT
WHAT YOU'D
LIKE ME TO
BRING BACK
FOR YOU.

WE LEAVE IN
FOUR DAYS, ON
SUNDAY. WE'RE
GOING FOR A
WEEK.



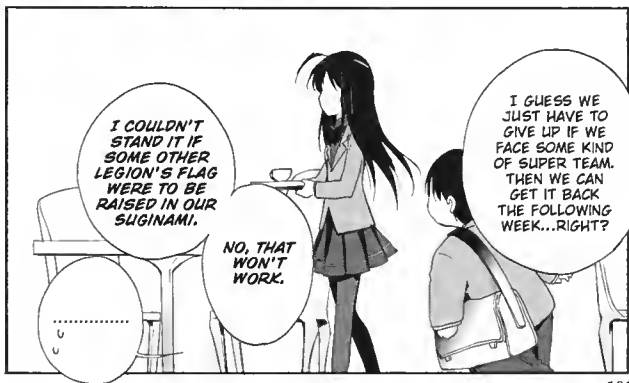
WITH YOU TWO
TAG-TEAMING,
NO THREE-
PERSON TEAM
IS GOING TO
BE ABLE TO
OUTDO YOU.

B-BUT...
IT'LL BE JUST
US AGAINST
THREE
ENEMIES.



WAIT...BUT
THEN THE
TERRITORIAL
BATTLE AT
THE END OF
NEXT WEEK...

MM.
YOU AND
TAKUMU-KUN
TAKE CARE
OF IT.



I COULDN'T
STAND IT IF
SOME OTHER
LEGION'S FLAG
WERE TO BE
RAISED IN OUR
SUGINAMI.

NO, THAT
WON'T
WORK.

I GUESS WE
JUST HAVE TO
GIVE UP IF WE
FACE SOME KIND
OF SUPER TEAM.
THEN WE CAN
GET IT BACK
THE FOLLOWING
WEEK...RIGHT?

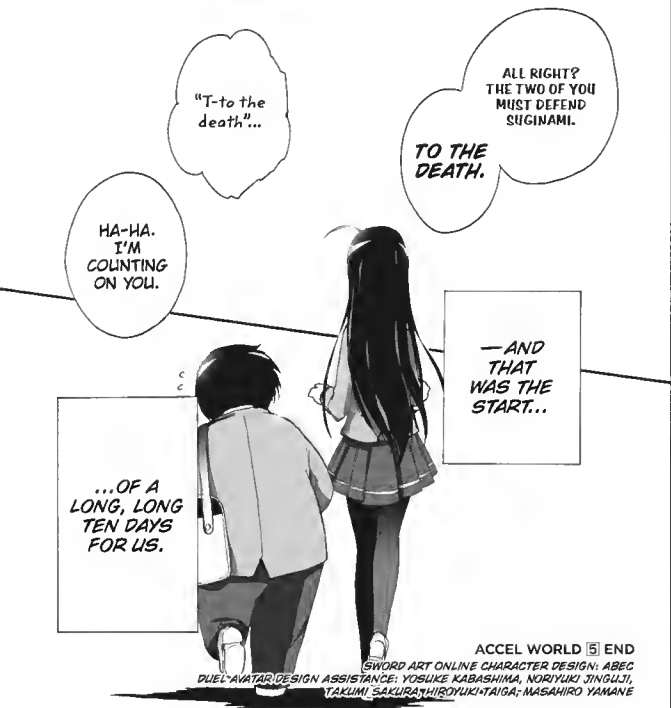


EXACTLY.

A-
ANYTHING?

...AS A
REWARD,
I WILL
GRANT YOU
ONE WISH,
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

ALL RIGHT.
IF YOU
SUCCEED
IN NEXT
WEEK'S
DEFENSE...



"T-to the
death"...

ALL RIGHT?
THE TWO OF YOU
MUST DEFEND
SUGINAMI.

**TO THE
DEATH.**

HA-HA.
I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU.

—AND
THAT
WAS THE
START...

...OF A
LONG, LONG
TEN DAYS
FOR US.

ACCEL WORLD 5 END

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Thank you so much for picking up Volume 5 of the manga version of *Accel World*!

This volume features the short story "Versus" included in Book Ten of the original novel series and an episode focusing on Chiyu that connects the second and third novels.

"Versus" is a crossover of Reki Kawahara-sensei's works, a dream matchup between Kirito, the main character in *Sword Art Online*, and Silver Crow. I expect more than a few people were surprised to see Kirito-kun on the cover of this book. With the manga as well, it felt like I had two protagonists, and it was really refreshing to get to draw the story. I hope that *AW* and *SAO* fans alike enjoyed it!

The Chiyu chapter that follows is an expansion of an unpublished piece by Kawahara-sensei for some *Accel World* merchandise and tells the story of what happens after Chiyu installs BB until Lime Bell is born. I was the one in charge of the work to expand on the plot from that piece. I've always drawn the manga with the basic principle of staying faithful to the original work, and this was the first time I've gotten the chance to expand on something that wasn't in the original work, so I was pretty nervous about how to do it as I was drawing. Kawahara-sensei was kind enough to agree easily with the plot I proposed, and I was able to feel a bit more at ease in drawing it. Kawahara-sensei, thank you so much!

And I'd be very happy if we met again in the next volume. This has been Hiroyuki Aigamo.



HIROYUKI AIGAMO

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PUBLICATION!



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Congratulations on volume five of the comic!

Now that the "Nike Assault" (I just decided to call it that now) up to volume four is over, I was wondering what would come next, but I never expected the sudden charge into "Versus"! That the day would come when I could see Kirito as drawn by Algame-san... I've been super-excited every month!

With volume five, I had the same thought I've had before, that the slight shonen manga elements in the original novels are expressed much more passionately and much cooler. Which is why I get so worked up, I suppose. I can't wait to see how things turn out going forward.

Algame-sensei, I hope you'll keep up the great work!

Reki Kawahara

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CELEBRATION VOLUME 5!!

CONGRATULATIONS!
I CAN HARDLY STAND
HIME AND CHYURYU'S
FRILLS!!



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A black and white illustration of a dense crowd of people, with several stylized speech bubbles containing faces overlaid on the image. The style is graphic and expressive, with high contrast and bold lines. The crowd is composed of many figures, some with visible faces, others in silhouette. The speech bubbles are irregularly shaped and contain simple line drawings of faces with various expressions. The overall composition is dynamic and suggests a scene of intense social interaction or protest.

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